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Second Hearing Slated...

Public Offers Input On Next School Chief

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The next school superintendent should be committed to excellence, skilled in effective communication, open to the ideas of parents and staff, strong enough not to back down under pressure, and highly visible in the community and in the classrooms.

Nine speakers, including parents, teachers, a Town Councilor, and a former School Committee member, described the qualities they are looking for in the next school chief at a public hearing before the School Committee on Tuesday, February 27th.

At the request of committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson, the committee adjourned the hearing until its next meeting on March 12th in order to give the townspeople another opportunity to voice their opinion on the qualities the School Committee should be looking for when selecting the new superintendent.

Town Councilor Jill Simpson urged the School Committee to do its homework in making sure that "the people we're interviewing can actually demonstrate what they've accomplished in their previous positions."

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Music Alive At AHS



AGAWAM HIGH STUDENTS Lisa Reveruzzi and Steve Sands sing a duet at the recent TOP 40 CONCERT at Agawam High School. RELATED PHOTOS IN EDUCATION SECTION. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM CREDIT UNION PRESIDENT AND CEO RICHARD PISANO and members of his staff. Standing, from left - Gloria Kerr, Gayle Pueschel, Lorraine Ruzsala, Grace Janik, and Statia Staszko. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Federal Credit Union Celebrating 40th Anniversary

by Peggy Shoemaker
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The Agawam Federal Credit Union (AFCU), a cooperative bank started by Agawam people for Agawam people, will mark its 40th anniversary with a celebration this spring.

The Credit Union was started April 25, 1956, according to President and Chief Executive Officer, Richard Pisano. He announced that the 40th anniversary will be noted in April in a week-long observance. The public will be invited to refreshments at an open house. There will be a major raffle and the celebration will climax with a dinner. Specifics are yet to be revealed.

The Agawam Federal Credit Union has a lot to celebrate, including its steady growth since its inception in 1956 by a handful of teachers. It was chartered in 1956 as the Agawam Town Employees Federal Credit Union, and in 1977, an Agawam Community Federal Credit Union was chartered. The two groups merged in 1987 to form the present Credit Union, which also acquired the Duckworth Employees Credit Union from the Rex-Nor Co. in Industrial Park, Springfield.

Charles (Chick) Kistner is credited with being the first director, and Pisano said he understood that Kistner literally ran the project from his desk. Kistner was a teacher and principal (now retired). He has the distinction of being an honorary Credit Union director.

Founded As Safe Place For Local's Savings
Pisano said the founders were a small group of

local people wanting a place to make small loans at reasonable interest and to put their savings where they felt they would be safe and earn better than average interest.

"We are a small bank that does not offer all the 'Cavier' type services," Pisano said. "But what we do, we do well!"

The Credit Union was located on Walnut Street Extension until 1986, when it purchased property at 4 Washington Avenue Extension, which is at the corner of Walnut Street Extension. The bank took over a former restaurant, and gutted and renovated the building for banking needs.

In 1990, a major building construction took place and a new building went up over the old restaurant, doubling the space and adding a second floor for a conference room, and space for expanded programs.

The attractive building has variegated brick on the first floor and large windows. The sloping roof has second floor dormers. The sides of the second floor and dormers are wood siding. The interior is a vanilla shade, making it very light. The building is set back on the lot, allowing for parking and possible expansion.

A computer system was also installed.

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Spotlight On Business...**

Berkshire Power Attorneys Ask Court To Uphold ZBA Majority

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

A building permit to allow construction of the Berkshire Power project should be granted because a majority of the Zoning Board of Appeals supported the company's request for zoning relief to exceed the town's 40-foot height limit for structures in the industrial zone, according to company attorneys.

In a motion filed two weeks ago in Hampden County Superior Court by Attorneys Alan K. Posner and Mark W. Corner, Berkshire Power maintains that the approval they sought from the ZBA was not for a special permit and required only a simply majority vote rather than a unanimous vote for approval.

Berkshire Power is seeking a ruling from the court without a trial, arguing that the ZBA's 2-1 vote in favor of the project constitutes approval for their proposed power plant.

Berkshire Power's attorneys maintain that the ZBA can issue special permits for particular uses of a property, but not for relief from height re-

quirements. Because the zoning code allows the site to be used for the purpose of operating a power plant as a matter of right, the ZBA cannot require Berkshire Power to obtain a special permit.

"It is undisputed that Berkshire has received such majority approval. Accordingly, Berkshire has already obtained the required approval from the board as a matter of law," according to their request for summary judgment.

Mayor Christopher C. Johnson said Assistant Town Solicitor Charles Sclafani will file a memorandum in opposition to Berkshire Power's request for summary judgment because Sclafani is representing the ZBA minority opinion in the court case.

Regardless of the outcome of its appeal of the ZBA's decision, Berkshire Power Project Manager Kenneth Roberts "remains confident the plant will ultimately be built in Agawam."

Roberts has said that his company could ap-

peal to the Department of Public Utilities Energy Facility Siting Board for an exemption from the local permitting process.

EFSB Has Authority To Override Agencies...

Johnson agreed that the EFSB has the authority to override local permitting agencies on the grounds that "not in my backyard" arguments could prevent power plant construction.

Power plant opponents have joined the legal wrangling by filing motions asking the court to grant them intervenor status in the pending appeal of the ZBA decision.

If granted the right to intervene, abutting homeowners and business owners would be allowed to participate in the trial.

Although no court date has been set for the case, Johnson said the court's decision on a request for summary judgment is usually rendered within 30 to 60 days after the motion is heard. "It depends entirely on the judge and on what the backlog is," Johnson said.

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Mrs. Simpson said the new superintendent should be someone who has not been away from teaching for an extended period of time and someone who will be strong enough to buck the political system to make changes for the children.

Former School Committee member Scott Macey said it was of the utmost importance that the new superintendent be able to communicate effectively within the School Department as well as with parents and staff members.

Macey said the superintendent must be able to work hand-in-hand with the associate superintendent. "The left hand has to know what the right hand is doing," Macey said.

Speaking on behalf of the District Coordinating Committee, Junior High technology teacher John

Burns said it was the job of the new superintendent to "improve student learning and performance so that all students are prepared for the challenges of an evolving technological and multicultural society."

School Committee Will Develop Ratings Criteria

Johnson said the School Committee will develop the ratings criteria to be used when evaluating applications based on input from the public hearings and surveys from administrators, teachers, parents, and School Committee members.

Johnson said he had received 198 responses to the survey sent to teachers and administrators and 31 responses to the parent survey published in the February 8th edition of *The AAN*. The parent survey was also available at the Mayor's Office.

In searching for the new superintendent, the School Committee is using a timetable similar to

the one used four years ago. The application deadline is April 12th, and the selection of eight to 10 semi-finalists is expected by April 22nd.

Interviews of the candidates are to be conducted by the School Committee during the first week in May in open sessions and will be broadcast on the public access cable television station.

At its regular meeting on May 14th, the School Committee will announce three finalists. Site visits to the communities of the finalists will be conducted during the last two weeks in May, and final interviews will be televised during the week of May 20th.

The new superintendent will be chosen at the regular School Committee meeting on May 28th. Contract negotiations are scheduled to take place in June.

Johnson said the town has received 33 requests for application packets so far.

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Commentary...

Problems In Schools Are No Secret

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

If you've only been paying attention for the last month or so, you might think the School Department is either unaware of problems within the schools or unwilling to admit problems exist or unconcerned about searching out solutions. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Maybe you didn't know:

- every elementary and secondary school principal appeared before the School Committee last January to discuss the disappointing scores Agawam's eighth and 10th graders earned on the 1994 state assessment testing.

No secrecy. No buck passing. No complacency. The consensus of opinion: we must do better.

- the curriculum has been under review for three years and is being re-written to fit the state frameworks under Education Reform so that Agawam students will be successful when mandatory proficiency testing begins in 1998.

- the High School's substance abuse prevention coordinator has undertaken a survey of drug use among students at both the Junior High and High School so that more and better prevention education can be implemented.

- a Peer Mediation team has been formed at the High School to defuse tensions between students before anger and resentments lead to fighting.

There is a new administrative team at the High School determined to identify problems and work toward solutions.

The acting principal is the first to admit that the school mirrors the problems of society.

He's also the first to come forward with a detailed action plan aimed at making "A better school through high standards for academic and vocational excellence, meeting the needs of all students, and fostering the growth of teacher empowerment and professionalism through the efforts of parents, teachers, administrators, students, and the greater community working together as a team."

Maybe you missed the School Committee meeting when the acting principal explained what has been done so far and what is planned for the future to accomplish the five items of his action plan: create a community high school environment, support quality professional development, improve staff morale, establish consistent and high expectations for student performance and

behavior, and improve curriculums and scheduling.

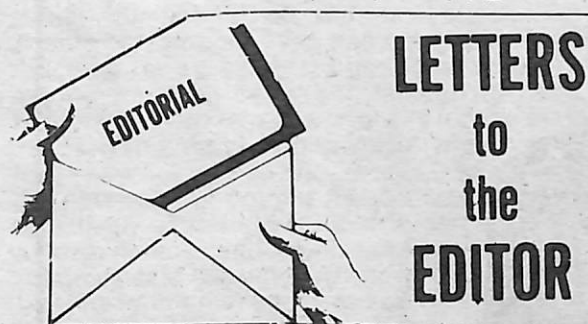
Maybe you heard the High School's acting deputy principal tell the School Committee that Agawam's SAT's were below state and federal averages. Maybe you forgot the five suggestions offered to improve students' scores.

Maybe you've heard that the system is way behind in computer technology. Maybe you've heard there's a need for funding professional development, updated textbooks and teaching materials, and science supplies. You name it, we need it.

Maybe a million dollars in lieu of taxes is not such a bad idea after all. And then again, maybe it's time to bite the bullet and override Prop. 2½.

If you think kids can't get the high quality education they need to be accepted at highly competitive colleges and universities, check out The Guidance Report listing this year's school acceptances.

Are there problems at AHS? Of course. There's also an education for those that want one, and a myriad of extracurricular activities and athletic programs for those who choose to participate.



Council Should Support BP's In Lieu Of Tax Agreement

To The Editor:

Thank you for allowing me to voice my concerns in your paper. I would like to talk about a few things that are troubling me.

I have read in a paper that a person that ran for the council, that lost, is trying to get a ballot question concerning taxes. I believe that stems from the power plant trying to come to the town. I firmly believe that what this person is trying to do is a HUGE NEGATIVE move for the town!

This same person says he wants what is best for the town of Agawam. If this is true then stop what you are doing! When someone is willing to give you more than necessary, you do not say NO!

If the people that say this is not the proper tax rate would listen instead of believing that they know it all, they would have to accept the facts! Berkshire Power would be averaging less than \$200,000 per year under the manufacturing status. You do not need a special degree to figure out which dollar amount is more beneficial to the town of Agawam.

Would you rather \$1,000,000 plus three percent per year or under \$200,000 that would be declining? I urge all the town council to support this in lieu of tax agreement when it is proposed by Berkshire Power.

Sincerely,
Jessie D. Fuller
Agawam

Nat'l Honor Society Thanks Businesses For Donations

To The Editor:

Each year, the Agawam High School Chapter of the National Honor Society offers scholarships to deserving Agawam students. In order to raise the funds for this year's scholarships, we held our annual raffle.

We were very successful in raising \$658. We would like to sincerely thank these local businesses for donating the gifts for the raffle: Agawam Auto School; Aqua Dreams; Mltch's; Unique Creations Embroidery; Groomingdale's; Frank Pignatere's Auto Service; Topper's; Blimpie's; Peterjones; Tollie's; Valenti's; Mailboxes Etc.; Unlimited Lengths Nail Studio; La Torinese; Obsession Hair Design; and Dark Crystal Cards.

Thank you,
Alfred Albano, President
Andrew Markowski, Vice President
Melissa Fleming, Secretary
Selena Machia, Treasurer
The Agawam High School Chapter of
the National Honor Society

Congratulations To All Winter Athletics Throughout Agawam

To The Editor:

Congratulations to all of the "Agawam High School" sports teams—the boys', the girls', and the coaches—this winter season. No matter what the outcome was, playing your very best and having excellent sportsmanship is what counts!

Congratulations to all the "Agawam Athletic Association" boys', girls', coaches, suburban, and in-town basketball teams for a terrific season.

Congratulations to all the boys, girls, and coaches in the suburban "Sacred Heart" basketball teams for an outstanding season.

Very truly yours,
Clyde E.P. Benton
Feeding Hills

Congratulations To The Residents Of Feeding Hills

To The Editor:

As a Concerned Agawam Taxpayer, I would like to congratulate the small group of individuals of Feeding Hills who, in a matter of weeks, successfully defeated a proposed bar from coming into their part of town. You folks know what's best for your neighborhood, and worked very hard to keep this type of business out.

The folks of Feeding Hills have also been successful in keeping a McDonald's out of Feeding Hills Center, and are currently fighting a drive-up window at a convenience store, also in Feeding Hills Center. We wish you luck.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Friday, March 1st

Live animal program from Laughing Brook at the Agawam Public Library (sponsored by Agawam Cultural Council) 7:30 p.m.

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Monday, March 4th

Agawam Middle School PTO Board mtg. In the school's cafeteria 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 9th

Operation Friendship Roast Beef Dinner At F.H. Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, F. Hills. Servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Call 786-0195 or 789-3128 for tickets

Saturday, March 16th

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Nobody has the right to tell you what's best for you. But suppose someone did tell you what's best for you.

Suppose a group of people from North Agawam or Agawam Center told you people from Feeding Hills, that you are not business-friendly and were not willing to shoulder your portion of the tax burden. Suppose they said, "Build the McDonald's, the bar, and the drive-through convenience store. After all, this area of land is zoned business."

Well, unfortunately, this is exactly what has happened to the residents who surround the industrial park. I'm sure that everyone who reads this letter understands the fact that a power plant cannot be built at its proposed site because it violates the 40-foot height restriction of the industrial park.

This is not a fast-food restaurant or a small bar that seats 30 people. We are talking about a 170-foot smokestack and six other structures that violate our town zoning laws.

Let's stick together and, as Rick and Gail Jagodowski said, "Help preserve the fine quality of life we all enjoy in our town."

Keep up the good work, Rick and Gail. It would be nice to know that people like you are on our side.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra J. Forni
Agawam

Dentist Offers His Thanks To Advertiser News For Publicity

To The Editor And Staff Of The AAN:

I would like to take this opportunity to once again express my sincere gratitude to you all for the recent publication of my recent nomination and acceptance for Charter Membership into the Crown Council.

As before, several of our patients (and your readers) have commented on the article, and they have also been quick to applaud your interest in such matters. Kudos!

A heartfelt "thank you."

Sincerely yours,
Buddy L. Denison, D.M.D.
46 Suffield Street
Agawam

Termination Of Coach Is A Harsh & Impulsive Decision

To The Editor:

In our country, a person is judged to be innocent until proven guilty; but in our high school, the athletic director imposes a death sentence without a trial.

Where is the justification for terminating an individual's employment based on an accusation?

It appears that a player on the boys' varsity basketball team informed his parents that he had been "belittled" at a practice a few days earlier by the coach. The parents called Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney.

Without even bringing all those involved together for a meeting (which could have probably resolved the conflict amicably), Kathleen McSweeney handed down the sentence: terminate the coach.

This seems to be a very harsh and impulsive decision that has created a lose-lose situation. The varsity boys' basketball team lost their coach at the end of the season when they were vying for a tournament berth.

A rift has developed among the players on the team, causing one player to tell his teammates that he probably would not be attending Agawam High School next year. Also, a coach lost a job he has had for 10 years—without even a show-cause hearing.

Who is the winner? Where is the justice?

Tom & Janis Phaneuf
Jack & Kathy Patterson
Bob & Dottie Hersey
Buddy & Diane Scaggs
Dave & Barbara Peterson

DPW Employees Are The Unsung "Heroes" Of Agawam

To The Editor:

This is an open letter to our unsung "heroes," the employees of the Department of Public Works of the town of Agawam.

I, as both a taxpayer and a driver on our local streets at all hours of the day and night, would like to say thank you for doing an excellent job of keeping our streets both plowed and sanded this winter. It has been a very difficult job this winter, and I'm certain most of you have spent many long hours behind the wheel on many occasions, at-

tempting to clean up the mess left by private contractors that push the snow piles across the street and either/or block part of a lane and/or cover a sidewalk, with utter disregard for the safety of others (both driving and walking).

Even with the record-breaking amounts of snow this winter, the streets have been kept clean and safe. I can honestly say that in previous winters, the streets were in worse shape with a lot less snow.

I would like to especially like to say thank you to the employees that share duties on Silver Street, between Suffield Street and the industrial park. In a recent heavy snowstorm, you waited an extra five or 10 minutes so I had time to get my vehicle out of the street and into my driveway so you could plow properly.

In the recent storm, it appears that you may have thought I was angry with you (because my arms were in the air) and that is why you swung wide around my driveway, but I was actually giving you two thumbs up for doing an excellent job.

I know you don't have any control of the amount of snow that is pushed into my driveway, and I also know that if you did not take the time to do the job properly, neither the police nor the fire departments would be able to respond in an emergency, nor would I be able to commute to my job at the hours that I travel.

Contrary to what some people think, I also have watched mailboxes be knocked down but not hit by the plow blade (since the blow was a good three feet from the curb), but by the weight of the snow coming off the blade.

Gentleman, to all of you, I again say, "THANK YOU." I do not mind paying my taxes for the services rendered.

Fred H. Stratton
282 Silver Street
Agawam

Lack Of Funds Is The Greatest Threat To Agawam's Schools

To The Editor:

As a parent of two high school students, a sophomore and a senior, I have been troubled by the negative letters of late regarding the high school.

I had my children read the letters in the last few issues of *The Advertiser* and asked for their thoughts on the matter. I cannot speak for all the students at the high school and their parents, but I can speak for my family.

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My son in 12th grade was the most offended by these negative comments, especially regarding the teachers. From my own point of view, I have mostly praise for the staff of the high school. There are some wonderful teachers at the high school and I say this from experience not from what others have told me.

These teachers have educated and touched my children's lives in a positive way and for that I will always be grateful. Ask the students of the high school what they think of Mr. Joseph, Mr. Pulaski, Mr. Gage, Mr. Magdycz, Ms. Brown, Mr. Morse, and Mr. Zabielski.

My husband and I have heard plenty about these teachers and they need to know that they do make a difference and are appreciated, and that our children think highly of them. What about Ms. Alves, Mr. Corbin, Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Hebert, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Wolochowicz, Mr. Baggetta, and Mr. Modzelewski?

The problems of substance abuse and violence stem from society as a whole. They do not begin and end with the high school. We cannot blame these problems on our schools, but rather we need to look at ourselves, the parents, as our children's greatest defense against these situations.

I would match the quality of our high school teaching staff with any school in the area, private or public. Our community should be more concerned with the issue of lack of funds for our schools as the greatest threat to education in Agawam.

Linda DeGray
Agawam

Student Says AHS Prepared Him Well For College

To The Editor:

It pains me a great deal to have to write this letter because it should never have been necessary to write it in the first place. However, it has come to my attention that Agawam High School has been under attack recently by a faction of the town's citizens who feel that the quality of education it offers is substandard and the teachers who make their living educating Agawam's youth are incapable.

I'll admit—very little shocks me, but when I heard my mother telling me of this controversy, I was floored. How could *anyone* ever question the education that AHS offers?

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Steve Bodurtha and I am a member of the AHS graduating class of 1995. When I received my diploma last June, I'll admit I was eager to be leaving the school—eager to be moving out into the "real world." (To the extent that college represents the "real world," that is.) I had a lot of doubts, to be sure. What will college be like? Will I like my roommates? Will I make friends? Will I be able to tolerate living 200 miles from home?

One question I never asked myself was whether or not Agawam High School prepared me for the academic challenges I would face. Why? Because I truly, honestly, had no doubt about it. I felt 100 percent ready, willing, and able to handle whatever workload was piled on.

And sure enough, I've succeeded so far ... I even made Dean's List my first semester, an accomplishment which I am very proud of. I owe a great deal of thanks to those teachers at AHS whose talent and skill have gone unappreciated by many in this town, and whose same talent and skill helped get me to where I am today.

As I write this letter, the memories come flooding back, especially of my senior year at Agawam High ... as has long been said, time allows one to see things more clearly.

I remember the English teacher whom I spent a good portion of each day with, learning how to write a successful college essay, reading the works of Shakespeare and Ibsen, and preparing for an Advanced Placement test which would save me time and money in college, if I did well on it. (Which I did, thanks to him.)

I remember the math teacher who taught me not only how to find the derivative of a curve, but who taught me that I could actually *enjoy* math. (Something I thought I'd never do!) I remember the biology teacher who taught me so well that I didn't realize how much I'd learned in his class until this year, when I took psychology and found much of it was just review for me. And I remember the countless other teachers to whom I owe a debt of gratitude—I cannot thank you enough.

So what's wrong, people of Agawam? Do you still say that AHS is a substandard school? Do you still say that these teachers are incapable? Perhaps you need more convincing.

Bowdoin College, where I am currently a freshman, was ranked fourth nationwide in a recent poll. I am a member of a class where over 60 percent of the students come from prestigious private schools around the country—around the globe, even.

My English seminar last semester was comprised of 16 students. Fifteen were from private

schools. One (me) was from a public school. My professor commented that I "must have been extremely well-prepared in high school." I don't mean to sound conceited here, please understand. I owe a great deal of my success to the teachers at AHS, who worked with me five days a week—before school ... after school ... during passing between classes ... whenever I needed an explanation or simply someone to talk to, they were always there.

And I'm only one person ... the majority of the class of 1995 has gone on to pursue their own college experiences, their own successes ... and each carries with them (whether they realize it or not) 12 years of experience with teachers who are knowledgeable, insightful, and understanding. How could anyone find fault with that?

What exactly are your complaints? That the teachers are not doing their jobs? The same teachers who teach five or six classes *a day*, many of whom are also advisors to extracurricular activities and all of whom are affected by this recent negativity.

Is the complaint that drugs are running rampant at AHS? I attended Agawam High for four years

and was never once approached by a drug pusher. That is not to say a problem doesn't exist, only that it won't be a problem for any student whose parents have instilled them with enough common sense and dignity to say the word "no."

It's a sad fact, but drugs are everywhere—even at a top-rated college in the "wilderness" of Maine comprised 60 percent of private-school students. Educate your kids *now*, while you still can, before a problem arises. And if you suspect your child is using drugs, face the problem *now*, before it's too late. Don't blame the school—look at your own part in the problem.

Is your complaint that the administration is inexperienced? Granted, this past year has seen a tremendous upheaval in the top positions at AHS. But I can't see where anyone could criticize any of the people in charge: Mr. Zabielski, who taught me not only history but gave me an appreciation of the world and how it runs ... Mrs. Conte, who spent much of last year writing grants so that AHS would have the funds necessary to operate ... Mr. Cavallo, whom I credit a great deal with help-

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth

HAMPDEN SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Agawam

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to vote at

- Precinct 1 - Robinson School, 65 Begley Street**
- Precinct 2 - Clifford M. Granger, South Westfield Street**
- Precinct 3 - Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street**
- Precinct 4 - Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street**
- Precinct 5 - Benjamin J. Phelps School, School Street**
- Precinct 6 - James Clark School, 65 Oxford Street**
- Precinct 7 - Agawam Junior High School, Springfield Street**

on TUESDAY, THE 5th OF MARCH 1996 - 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes to the Primary Officers for the election of candidates of political parties for the following office:

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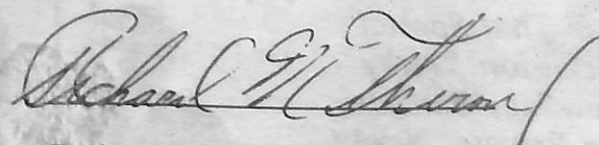
DISTRICT MEMBERS OF STATE COMMITTEE (one man and one woman) **for each Political Party for the Hampden Senatorial District.**

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-**Members of the Republican Town Committee**
-**Members of the Libertarian Town Committee**

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 20th day of February 1996.

PER ORDER OF THE AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL


Richard M. Theroux
Town Clerk

LETTERS - from Page 6...

ing me get into Bowdoin College. It takes any newly-formed team a while to make headway, especially when they are constantly being criticized by everyone.

Finally, is your complaint that your students aren't learning anything? That is perhaps the most ridiculous complaint of all. How could I have learned so much—how could my friends have learned so much—and your child learned so little?

The simple fact is, the education and the experiences are there, if your child wishes to take part in them. He or she can join the school newspaper, participate in student government, join a club or two ... in short, take the initiative, get involved in the school, and make the most of your four years at AHS. If you or your child is not involved, it is certainly not for lack of opportunities or resources.

I owe Agawam and AHS a great deal—from the teachers and faculty whose experience and dedication is unquestionable, to the community and teacher-organizations who saw fit to help me into college by providing me with much-needed financial aid.

My goals are many and varied: I want to publish a book before I'm 21 ... I want to graduate *cum laude* from Bowdoin ... I want to be an editor, or a lawyer, or a doctor. When I achieve these goals, I will still look back at my years at AHS and smile. And I will thank everyone there who made it possible for me to achieve my dreams.

Agawam is still very much a home to me, and Agawam High School is still very much my school. I can only hope that this letter has shown you the *real* AHS—the AHS that is preparing the way for your children's success.

Thanks again,
Steve Bodurtha
AHS graduate, 1995
Bowdoin College, Maine

"Clean Air" Golf Tournament Was A Tremendous Success

To The Editor:

On behalf of the NYNEX CLEAN AIR CLASSIC Golf Tournament Committee and the Board of Directors of the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts, we wish to thank you for your tremendous support of the 1995 Tournament. Your help made this event a great success.

Plans are underway for the fifth Annual NYNEX CLEAN AIR CLASSIC to be held at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield on Thursday, June 6, 1996. Once again, the tournament will be a scramble format, and one low price covers everything—golf, cart, lunch, dinner, prizes, speaker, and team photos.

We hope we can count on you to support the tournament again this year, and bring some friends—the more the merrier!

Sincerely,
Fred B. Mudawwar, MD, President
Ken Barnes, Chairman
American Lung Association
of Western Massachusetts

Mayor Johnson Urges You To Vote On March 5th

To The Editor:

I am writing to remind you that the presidential primary is on Tuesday, March 5th. I am supporting Lamar Alexander because he has a strong record of accomplishment in the executive branch of government (especially in education) and in the private sector. There are a number of strong candidates in the field, and I encourage everyone to take the time to go to the polls on Tuesday.

In addition to the presidential primary, the election of representatives to the state committee is also on the March 5th ballot. Every state senatorial district elects one man and one woman to represent it on the state committee. I urge you to vote for Roberta Brundrett and Robert Magovern for State Committee. They are terrific candidates who will work hard for Agawam and the rest of the district on the state committee.

Please vote on Tuesday, March 5th.

Very truly yours,
Christopher C. Johnson, Mayor

If you wish to subscribe, please call us at 786-7747 or 786-8137 and we will put you on our mailing list right away!

New Board Of Appeals Alternate Expresses Thanks

To The Editor:

Please allow me the opportunity to thank all of those responsible for my election as an alternate to the Board of Appeals. As the famous Eagles song goes, "Oh what a night."

Thanks to the six councilors who voted me in. Thank you to the candidates who ran against me. It was indeed an honor to be amongst such great company. All three of you are true gentlemen. Thanks to Mrs. Fuller and Mr. Stieg for your support as well. Thank you to Mr. Caba for your nice remarks before the voting began. I, too, wish that I was successful in my bid for School Committee. I would have enjoyed working alongside of you. And, though you didn't vote for me during the ZBA elections, you did come over to me afterwards and shake my hand. That, Councilor Caba, speaks VOLUMES!

A special thank you to my dear friends, Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Quinlan. You both brought tears to my eyes. Lastly, I'd like to say thank you to my family, as I always do, every chance I get.

When I returned home Tuesday evening, there was a huge sign waiting on the kitchen table. It said, "CONGRATS MOM - WE LOVE YOU." My 10 year-old, who rarely sits still for more than 10 minutes at a time, sat through the entire voting process, cheering me on.

What's that saying - BEHIND EVERY SUCCESSFUL WOMAN, THERE'S A GOOD MAN. Well, I've got four - David, Ian, Greg, and Doug. I love you guys, too.

Debra S. Curtis
Agawam

"Keep That Body Moving" Program Is Again A Success

To The Editor:

I would like to thank the following people for making the "Keep That Body Moving" program a success again this year:

Rick Hersom, director at Fitness First; Dena Lancour, instructor at Fitness First; Leslie Martel, physical education teacher at Agawam Middle School; and Jan Lapins and the Agawam Middle School PTO.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Hilda Bartnik
School Nurse, Agawam Middle School

Nancy E. Thompson Is Elected President Of MA Councilors Assoc.

Agawam City Council President Nancy E. Thompson was recently elected President of the Massachusetts Municipal Councilors Association.

The Massachusetts Municipal Councilors Association is an affiliate organization of the Massachusetts Municipal Association and represents city and town councilors throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. There are over 500 city and town councilors in 41 Massachusetts cities and towns.

"It is an honor to serve in this role as President of the Massachusetts Municipal Councilors Association," Ms. Thompson stated. "I am very excited about the work this organization is doing in representing the needs and interests of Massachusetts city and town councilors. I am especially pleased to be able to be from Agawam and represent Agawam at this level."

The Massachusetts Municipal Councilors Association is a resource to all city and town councilors and provides data and information to councilors to assist them in representing their local constituents.

Councilor Thompson and the Massachusetts Municipal Councilors Association Executive Committee also meet regularly with Governor Weld or Lt. Governor Celluci to dialogue and reinforce those issues which are of importance to local government in Massachusetts municipalities.

"The Massachusetts Municipal Councilors Association will have a presence at each of the five MMA regional meetings which will be held throughout the state during April and May of this year. We are also planning a day-long leadership conference designed especially for all Massachusetts councilors which will be held in September," Councilor Thompson concluded.

Councilor Thompson, who is a Registered Nurse by profession, has served on the Agawam City Council since 1992. She is serving her second year as President of the Agawam City Council.

Remember, our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon ...

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Agawam Obituaries

Jacquelyn R. Merrell

Jacquelyn R. (Clark) Merrell, 77, of 102 West Hill Road, Middlefield, died February 17th at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield.

Born in Springfield, she was a graduate of Agawam High School and Northfield Seminary, and was an advocate for the mentally retarded.

She leaves her husband of 56 years, Roger C. Merrell; three sons, Everett C. and Roger H. of Pittsfield, and Richard S. of Middlefield; a sister, Virginia C. Blackburn of Agawam; and a granddaughter.

Wrisley Funeral Home in South Deerfield was in charge of arrangements. A memorial service will be held in the spring. There were no visiting hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to Berkshire County Advocacy Council, in care of Berkshire County ARC, P.O. Box 2, Pittsfield, MA 01202.

Sarah A. Assad

Sarah A. "Sally" (Marbees) Assad, 83, of 34 Williams St., Feeding Hills, died at home.

Born and educated in Hasroun, Lebanon, she lived in Springfield before moving to Feeding Hills in 1947.

She was a communicant of St. Anthony's Maronite Church in Springfield, and was in St. Anthony's Women's Guild. Her husband, Charles J. Assad, died in 1950.

She leaves a son, Charles, of Feeding Hills; a daughter, Mary Ann Ferrigno of Dover, New Hampshire; a sister, Alice Barsouna of Springfield; a granddaughter, and two step-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Michael's Cemetery, both in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 419, Island Pond Road, Springfield, 01118.

Glorina E. Haley

Glorina E. (Fillion) Haley, 86, of 17 Letendre Ave., Feeding Hills, died at a local nursing home.

She was a 10-year employee of Pioneer Plastics. Born and schooled in Adams, she was a longtime Feeding Hills resident.

She leaves her husband, Robert F. Haley; a son, Edward Santerre; two daughters, Dolores J. Stojda and Gwendolyn E. Hillard; and a brother, Norbert, all of Adams; a sister, Estelle Simon of Weldon, California; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild.

The funeral and spring burial at Maple Street Cemetery in Adams will be private.

Colonial Funeral Home was in charge.

Mary A. Bouchard

Mary A. (Bouchard) Bouchard, 89, formerly of 96 Channel Drive, Agawam, died in a Holyoke nursing home. She was a legal secretary at the former Fire & Marine Insurance Co. in Springfield, and also worked for the former Albert Steiger Co.

Born and schooled in Champlain, New York, she lived in Springfield, and was a graduate of the city's former Bay Path Business School. She moved here in 1964, and was a communicant of St. Theresa's Church.

She was in the American Association of Retired Persons. Her husband, Leo Gustave Bouchard, died in 1978. She leaves two sons, Roland G. of Southwick, and George H., with whom she lived; two daughters, Irene L. Breton of Agawam and Georgette B. Boucher of Feeding Hills; 10 grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral was at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the church at 74 Bridge St., Agawam, 01001, or the Mount St. Vincent activities fund at 35 Holy Family Road, Holyoke, 01040.

Sacred Heart Boy Scouts Help With Survey



MEMBERS OF THE BOY SCOUT TROOP from Sacred Heart Church are pictured at the Agawam Police Headquarters on Saturday, February 17th with Sergeant Steven Draghetti. The scouts were involved with passing out the a survey that identified the concerns of the elderly on crime problems in the community. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Republican City Committee To Meet On March 2nd

There will be a meeting of the Agawam Republican City Committee on Saturday, March 2, 1996 at 9:00 a.m. in the Peirce Community Room at the Agawam Police Headquarters.

The agenda will include discussion of the upcoming presidential primary and the Republican State Committee Election. There will also be a Western Mass Committee report.

Election of officers will be held at the April meeting.

Chris Quatrone, chairman, invites anyone interested in becoming an associate member to attend the March meeting.

Regular Council Mtg. Agenda For March 6th

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 2/20/96
5. Declaration from Council President
6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances
None.
7. Report of Council Committees
8. Elections
None.
9. Public Hearings
None.
10. Old Business
 - (a) 1. TOR-95-10-An Ordinance to Amend the Code of the Town of Agawam, Ch. 155, Art. I, Section 155-15 and Ch. 180, Art. I, Sec. 180-2 (Coun. Bitzas)(3rd Reading).
 2. TO-96-7-Voucher List (\$31.40).
 3. TO-96-8-Request the City Council to hire an outside Attorney for legal opinion (Coun. Suffriti).

For glossy copies of photos in this edition, please contact Jack Devine at his home, 789-0053. Jack has all of the negatives. Thanks.

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Wed. or Thurs. 4:30 pm

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Sat. 9:00 am

Toddler Swim

Sat. 10:00 am

Preschool Swim

Sat. 11:00 am



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Families

Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, March 4th: Baked chicken leg, potato wedges, corn, oatmeal bread, orange.

Tuesday, March 5th: Birthdays & anniversaries—stuffed pork chopette, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, Canadian oat bread, cake.

Wednesday, March 6th: Meatballs & spaghetti, tossed salad, garlic bread, mixed fruit.

Thursday, March 7th: Cream of broccoli soup, chunky chicken salad on roll, carrot, cheese & celery sticks, tapioca pudding with whipped topping.

Friday, March 8th: Baked fish, rice Pilaf, spinach, rye bread, canned apricots.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Agawam Women's Club At Heritage Hall



AGAWAM WOMEN'S CLUB MEMBERS, from left - Jane Temple, Elaine Smith, Monique Coman, Phyllis Damon, and Doris Kistner participated in the February Social at Heritage Hall Nursing Home (West Building). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Leap Year Birthday Celebrated By Doris Melanson

When you're born on Leap Day, you only get a birthday once every four years. So Doris Melanson of 844 Main St., born on Feb. 29, 1916, is only celebrating her 20th birthday, which makes her younger than most of her grandchildren.

At 80, she feels great for actually being so young, which is another wonderful benefit.

Her children, Les Melanson, Dolly LaFleur, Jane Bilodeau, and Shirley Plyler, all of Agawam, and Clair Myrick of Weybridge, Vermont, as well as 13 grandchildren and 5½ great-grandchildren would like to wish her a very, very happy birthday, especially since the next one isn't until the year 2000!

Master Gardeners Plan Workshop At Agawam Library

The Master Gardeners Association of Western Massachusetts will hold a tree workshop on Wednesday, March 13th, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, located at 750 Cooper Street.

Topics presented at the workshop will include planting, pruning, and pest control.

The workshop will be held in the library's community room and is open to the public. Anyone who would like further information should stop by or call the library at 789-1550.

"Agawam Day Picnic" Slated For Wednesday, March 6th, In Florida

The 15th annual "Agawam Day Picnic" in Florida will be held on Wednesday, March 6th, at shelter number 6 in Fred Howard Park in Tarpon Springs, Florida, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Bring your own lunch, beverage, and chairs.

Please pass the word to anyone visiting or spending the winter in Florida, that this is a great way to meet old friends and stay in touch!

For further information, call Betty and Ken Grady at 1-813-938-7521 or Evelyn Martel at 1-813-937-0018.

Check our classified pages

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Important Message To All Republican Primary Voters In Agawam

On Tuesday, March 5th, the Presidential Primary Day, you have an important decision to make. We urge you to vote for **ROBERTA BRUNDRETT** for Republican State Committee Woman for the Hampden Senatorial District. We know Roberta's ability, intelligence, and integrity. We know she will do the job and will do the necessary organizational work to help the Republican Party grow in Agawam and in this region.



Sincerely,
Hon. Christopher Johnson
Mayor of Agawam
Christian M. Quatrone
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March Calendar At Agawam Senior Center

Friday, March 1st: 9:00 a.m., Free diabetic check (no appointment).

Saturday, March 2nd: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

Monday, March 4th: 9:00 a.m., Manicures with Wendy (by appointment); 1:00 p.m., Bingo.

Tuesday, March 5th: 9:00 a.m., SHINE representative to assist you with your health insurance (by appointment only - call 786-0400, ext. 242); 11:30 a.m., Birthday and anniversary celebration (by reservation); 12:30 p.m., Movie; 1:00 p.m., Free blood pressure check (no appointment needed).

Wednesday, March 6th: 9:00 a.m., Podiatry with Dr. Dickert (by appointment); 1:30 p.m. Golden Agers' (Chapter 2) meeting.

Saturday, March 9th: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

Monday, March 11th: 1:00 p.m., Bingo.

Tuesday, March 12th: 12:30 p.m., Movie.

Wednesday, March 13th through Friday, March 15th: Annual Senior Center Art Exhibit.

Wednesday, March 13th: 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers' (Chapter 1) meeting.

Thursday, March 14th: Podiatry with Dr. Salem (by appointment).

Friday, March 15th: St. Patrick's Day Party (no classes on this day).

Saturday, March 16th: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

Monday, March 18th: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, Manicures with Wendy (by appointment); 9:00 a.m., Free hearing check (by appointment - call 786-0400, ext. 242); 1:00 p.m., Bingo.

Tuesday, March 19th: 9:00 a.m., SHINE representative available (by appointment - call 786-0400, ext. 242); 12:30 p.m., Movie; 1:00 p.m., Free blood pressure check (no appointment).

Wednesday, March 20th: 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers' (Chapter 2) meeting.

Thursday, March 21st: 9:00 a.m., Foot care nurses (by appointment).

Saturday, March 23rd: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

Monday, March 25th: 1:00 p.m., AARP meeting.

Tuesday, March 26th: 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Free legal consultation with Attorney Teryl Deegan (by appointment).

Wednesday, March 27th: 12:30 p.m., A special presentation of "Blue Care 65" with Paula, BCBS representative; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 1 meeting.

Friday, March 29th: 12:30 p.m., SHINE representative to speak on health insurance today.

Saturday, March 30th: 5:30 p.m., Bingo.

"Blue Care 65":

Paula from Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be at the Agawam Senior Center on Wednesday, March 27th, and Wednesday, April 17th, at 12:30 p.m. to bring all who are interested in "Blue Care 65" up to date with coverage and ramifications concerning the coverage.

Bring your questions with you—Paula is the girl

with the answers.

"SHINE" Presentation:

Serving Health Information Needs of Elders—a service that is offered at the Senior Center on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, by appointment.

The coordinator for the SHINE program is Gail Noe, who will be hosting an educational presentation designed to ensure a full understanding of the difference between fee-for-service Medicare and membership in a Medicare risk HMO or Medicare cost HMO.

The presentation will include such topics as:

1. What is an HMO, and what is Medicare HMO?
2. The "lock-in" provision.
3. Advantages/disadvantages.
4. A consumer checklist.

The above are only a few of the many points that will be discussed. There will also be handouts available.

For further information, call 786-0400, ext. 242 (Activities Department).

St. Patrick's Day Special:

The Golden Blue Ribbon singers will be on tap to entertain you for the annual special St. Patrick's Day dinner.

The menu will be the traditional corned beef and cabbage, as well as all the extras that Betty, the senior center cook, is noted for. Reservations will open Friday, March 1st.

The party is scheduled for Friday, March 15th. As per usual, tickets will go on sale at 11:00 a.m. sharp, and the dining room will open at 11:15 a.m. **Senior Center Annual Art Exhibit (March 13th, 14th, and 15th):**

Every year, the art class at the Senior Center has the opportunity to show its talents and accomplishments from the current year to the public. This semester has been a fun one under the direction of Florida Tangocci, who calls her class "Open Art Studio" (which is just that—open art).

Don't miss this year's exhibit—it's new, exciting, and very creative. Since the exhibit is open to the public, there is no restriction as to who may drop in to view the exhibit.

The Senior Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Computer Class:

Long overdue is a warm welcome to our new computer instructor, John Mangeri, who joined us last August and is doing a great job.

John teaches basic computer skills and helps seniors who are having problems with their PC's at home and walks them through it. Welcome to the family, John.

Anyone who is interested in the class at any level, please contact the Agawam Senior Center, Sandra Smith, Activities Director, 786-0400, ext. 242.

BABY JACK D. KEENAN

Keenans Welcome Baby Boy

Dan and Jill Keenan of Blandford are proud to announce the arrival of their son, Jack Delaney Keenan.

Jack was born on February 4th at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. He weighed six pounds, 11 ounces and measured 19 3/4" long at birth.



KIMBERLY DISCO & CLINTON J. BRIDGE

Kimberly M. Disco To Wed Clinton J. Bridge

Kimberly M. Disco and Clinton J. Bridge have announced that they will be united in matrimony on October 12, 1996.

The parents of the bride-to-be are Frank E. and RoseMarie Disco of Feeding Hills. The parents of the prospective bridegroom are John and Linda Bridge of Enfield, Connecticut.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1993 graduate of New Hampshire College, with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She is currently employed as the manager of Wendy's Old Fashioned Hamburgers in Windsor Locks, Connecticut.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Enfield High School in 1992 and attended Asnuntuck College in Enfield. He is presently employed by Drywall Specialists in Enfield.



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BABY VINCENT E. DEROSÉ, JR.

Deroses Announce Birth Of Son, Vincent

Vincent and Lisa (Antico) Derosé of Springfield proudly announce the birth of their son, Vincent E. Derosé, Jr.

Vincent was born on November 24, 1995 at 1:20 a.m., weighing eight pounds and measuring 21 3/4 inches.

Welcoming Vinnie home were his big sister, Amanda, and his happy grandparents, Robert and Patricia Derosé of Ludlow, and Bruno and Paula Antico of Agawam.

The baby's great-grandparents are Concetta Antico of Prospect, Connecticut, and Eugene Salvetera of Springfield.

American Legion Sets Corned Beef Supper

The American Legion will be holding its fourth annual "All You Can Eat Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner" at their Post Home on Springfield Street, Agawam on Sunday, March 10th from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Donations are \$6 for adults and \$3 for kids under 10 years-old.

All proceeds will go to Legion Baseball.

Calendar Of March Events For Agawam Golden Age Clubs

March 1st: Chapter 1 - Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. to take place in the Community Room at the Agawam Police Station.

March 6th: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting at 1:30 with our guest, Mrs. Vera Conway.

March 13th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 with program to be announced at a later date.

March 14th: Chapter 1 - Trip to White's Restaurant to enjoy a St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

March 20th: Chapter 2 - Regular meeting at 1:30 with our guests, the Foreign Exchange Students.

March 22nd: Chapter 2 - Dinner Board Meeting at 12:00 noon.

March 27th: Chapter 1 - Regular meeting at 1:30 with gift bingo.

March 29th: Chapter 1 - Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. to take place in the Community Room at the Agawam Police Station.

Operation Friendship Slates Roast Beef Dinner For March 9th

A Roast Beef Dinner hosted by Operation Friendship of America will be held on Saturday, March 9th, at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The cost for adults is \$7.50; \$4 for children under 12; and free for children under five years of age.

For reservations, call Kathy Rose at 786-0195 or Chris Mangano at 789-3128. If you reach an answering machine, please leave your name and number of reservations.

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100 Years For Isabella



HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME resident Isabella Wheeler celebrated her 100th birthday on February 21st. She is pictured with Rosemary Case, senior administrator in the East Building. Congratulations, Isabella!

Storowton Village To Present Special "Fireside Games"

Eastern States Exposition's Storowton Village Museum will chase away the chill of winter with a cozy evening of old-fashioned games and pastimes during "Fireside Games at Storowton" on Friday, March 8th, at 7:00 p.m.

Games for all ages will be played and refreshments served by candlelight in the 19th-century Potter Mansion, enhanced by the glow of crackling fires.

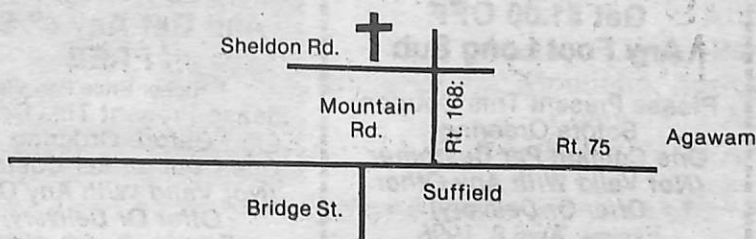
This popular winter pastime for the entire family will involve challenging 18th- and 19th-century card and parlor games. Join us for a four-game rotation which will include Ring Toss or "Quoits" and "Red Dog," a social card game.

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Church News

Annual Scholarship Dinner Slated At Ag. Congregational

The Agawam Congregational Church will hold its Annual Marie & Nick Zucco Scholarship Dinner on Sunday, March 10, 1996, at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

This ziti dinner is sponsored by the Board of Deacons of the church. There is no charge for the dinner; however, donations are requested as this is a fundraiser for scholarships for our graduating seniors.

Entertainment for the evening will be provided by Katie Tolles, a songstress and guitarist.

To make your reservations for this dinner, sign up at the Coffee Hour following Worship Service or call the church office at 786-7111. Reservations will close on Tuesday, March 5th.

Country Line Dancing Classes Offered At Ag. Congregational

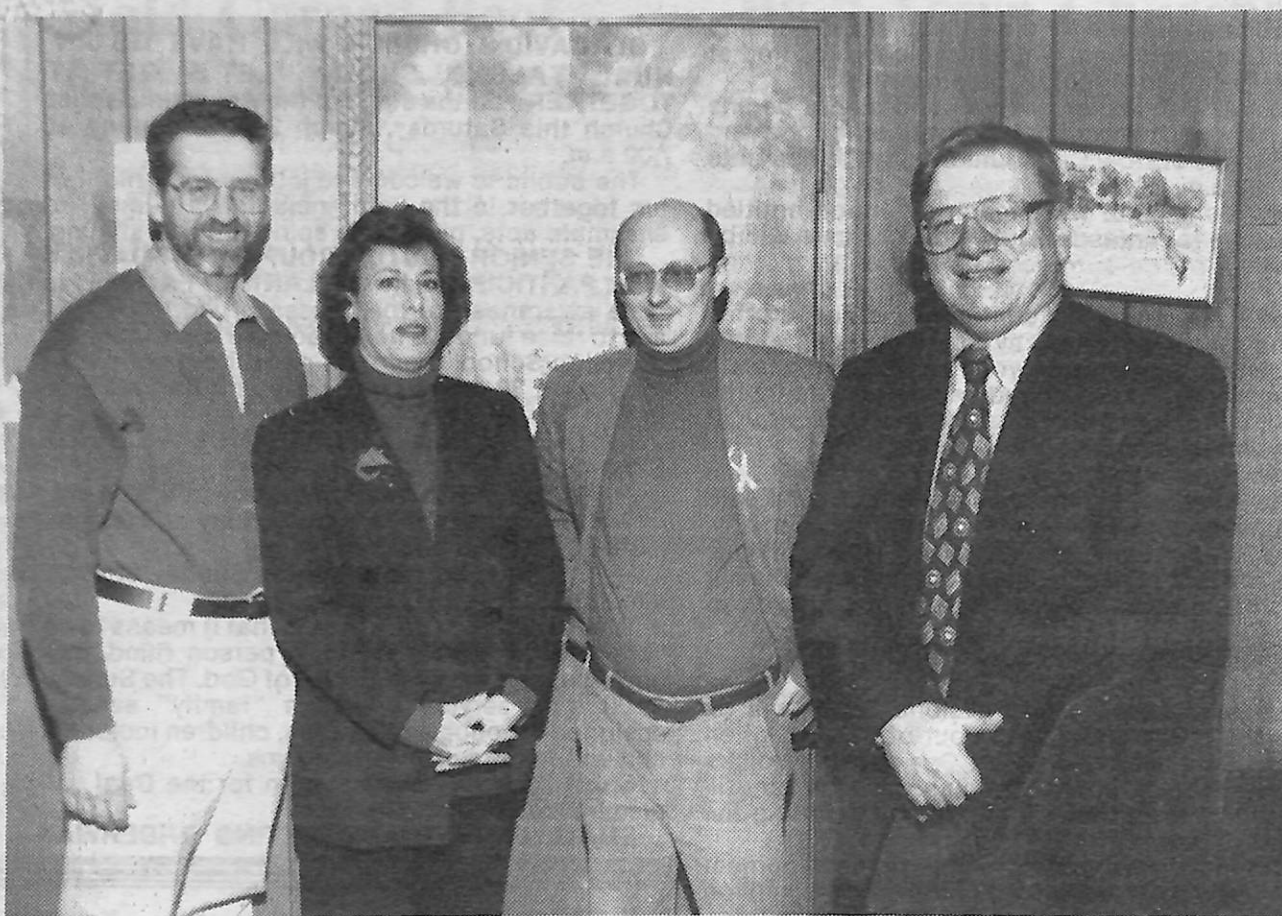
Kick up your heels and come on down to the Agawam Congregational Church, where "Millie & the Gang" will teach you all of your favorite country dances!

Beginning on March 15th, classes for everyone interested will be held on Friday nights in the Fellowship Hall at the church, 745 Main Street. Dance partners are welcome, but not required. Hard-soled shoes are recommended.

Join us from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. each Friday. The cost is \$20 pre-paid for the five-week session, or \$5 at the door. Refreshments will be available and children care will be provided (at an extra charge), so bring the whole family.

For further information, please call the church office at 786-7111.

Christian Education/Youth Director Named



DAN PENDER (left) has been named the new Christian Education/Youth director at the Agawam Congregational Church. Agawam Congregational Church and Feeding Hills Congregational Church are now holding a joint Lenten Series from February 25th to March 31st. From left - Dan Pender, Jackie Gillmartin, Rev. Rob Donaldson from Feeding Hills Congregational, and Rev. Curt Fuller, Agawam Congregational. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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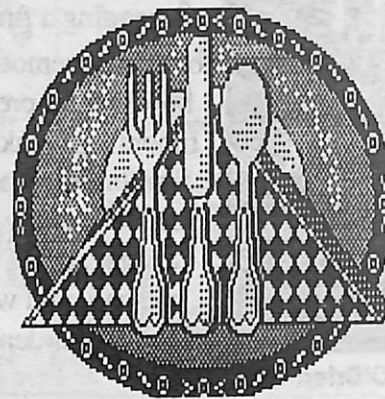


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Church News - continued...**News And Notes From F.H. Congregational**

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills.

Sunday School for children and adults begins at 9:00 a.m. Children are then welcome to attend the Service of Holy Communion with their parents at 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Donaldson will preach a sermon entitled "Treasure In, Treasure Out." Nursery care will be provided.

The T Bear Drive will continue to collect stuffed animals for adoption by local nursing home residents. Please bring your toys to the church, where they will be cleaned and decorated by the Sunday School children before they are brought to their new homes.

The weekly Lenten Series "Faith Over Fear" continues this week at 7:15 p.m. on Sunday, March 3rd. It is not too late to join us for discussion, meditation, song, and prayer as we make our way through the holy and meaningful season of Lent.

Call 786-5061 for more information.

The Stewardship and Missions Board will be sponsoring the One Great Hour of Sharing offering on Sunday, March 17th. Our offering dollars will be used to combat famine, disease, and illiteracy in more than 70 countries, including the United States.

Our money supports long-term development and assists some of the world's 17 million refugees, half of whom are children. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

On the calendar this week:
Sunday, March 3rd: 9:00 a.m., Sunday School/Adult Bible Literacy; 10:00 a.m., Communion Service; 1:00 p.m., Youth Group to Rescue Mission; 7:15 p.m., Faith Over Fear Lenten program.

Monday, March 4th: 7:30 p.m., Council.

Tuesday, March 5th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, March 6th: 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, March 7th: 7:00 p.m., Pastor/Parish Relations Committee.

Saturday, March 9th: 8:30 to 11:00 a.m., Pancake Breakfast; 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., OF Roast Beef Supper.

ADVERTISER NEWS**St. David's Plans Talent Show For Sat., March 2nd At Ag. Baptist**

ST. DAVID'S CHURCH WILL HAVE ITS ANNUAL TALENT SHOW, "LET'S GET IT TOGETHER" on the stage of the Agawam Baptist Church this Saturday, March 2nd, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The public is welcome to join us for a night of fun together in the Lord, including a number of ensemble acts, plus some spirited hymn singing.

THE SENIOR YOUTH GROUP OF ST. DAVID'S WILL PARTICIPATE IN A "PLANNED FAMINE" to raise awareness of the causes of world hunger, and to raise funds to help eradicate it. Members of this High School group will go without solid food for a solid 30 hours this Friday and Saturday, so that others might not have to go hungry.

AT THE WEEKEND WORSHIP SERVICES OF ST. DAVID'S CHURCH:

— The Quiet Eucharist, Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

— The Traditional Service, Sunday at 8:00 a.m. (both held at the church building)

— The Contemporary Service, Sunday at 10:00 a.m. (at the Agawam Middle School)

The Pastor will speak about what it means to be "born of the Spirit," to be a person filled, empowered, and led by the Spirit of God. The Sunday 10:00 a.m. service will be a "family" service, designed for people of all ages, children included, and will feature several baptisms.

Child Care and Interpretation for the Deaf will also be available at 10:00 a.m.

SMALL GROUPS ARE GETTING UNDERWAY

FOR LENT, focusing on prayer, study, and fellowship. Those interested in joining such a small group, set to meet for the six weeks of Lent, can contact the Parish Office for registration information.

THE PASTOR IS LEADING A SMALL STUDY GROUP which meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 p.m., looking at the words of Jesus, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

In these very hectic days, this invitation of Jesus is a welcome relief. Each evening will consist of a brief meditation on some aspect of this verse, followed by a time to quietly rest in the Presence of our Lord.

Those interested in taking part in this Lenten experience should call the Parish Office to register.

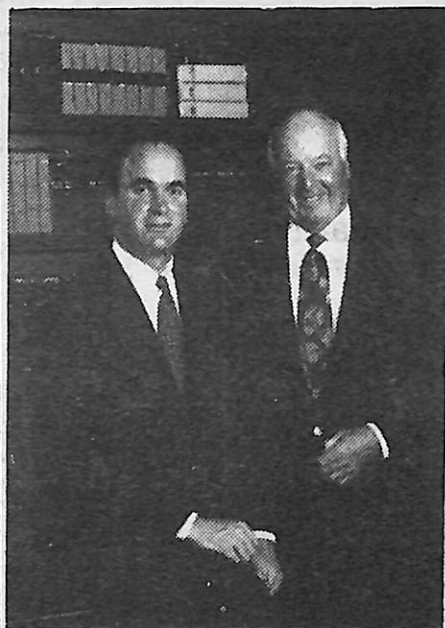
THE OUTREACH MINISTRY OF ST. DAVID'S CHURCH will prepare and serve supper for the hungry at the West Springfield/Agawam Open Pantry on Wednesday evening, March 6th.

Those interested in helping to prepare sandwiches at home, or in helping to serve the food at the Pantry, should contact the parish office for further information.

In addition, those attending weekend worship services the first weekend of the month are encouraged to bring non-perishable food items with them, in order to re-stock the Pantry shelves.

Our deadline is every Tuesday at noon-time but we do appreciate those who bring in their copy early. We open weekdays at 6:30 a.m. Thanks.

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Contrary to what some people might think, God's people are far from perfect. One of the wonderful things about the Bible is that, instead of being a collection of favorable press releases about the heroes of our faith, it tells us the truth about them.

Sometimes the truth is terribly unflattering, but even so, the stories are told as occurred. In the New Testament, we read that all Scripture is inspired by God, and is useful for teaching and training, so that the people of God may be thoroughly equipped for living.

Some of God's people who made big mistakes are people who are generally well known, like Adam and Eve. We can learn some valuable lessons about how we should live, by being taught from the story of their lives. Most of us have heard the story of the Garden of Eden. The word "eden" means pleasure or delight, which is fitting, since it was God's original intention that His people live in pleasant and delightful circumstances.

But, sometime after God created the human race, Satan appeared to them one day with the purpose of turning their hearts away from God. To do this, he tempted them with the suggestion that the fruit which God had prohibited them from eating would actually be very beneficial for them. As we all know, they both ate the fruit, and were ultimately banned from the Garden of Eden.

There are lessons to be learned from this sad story. First of all, Adam and Eve were created for fellowship with God, not for arguing with the devil. They had no business engaging in conversation with him; they were not supposed to be there talking to him.

Lesson one: we often get ourselves into trouble by being in places we are not supposed to be in, with those whom we are not supposed to be with. Secondly, as they were debating with the devil, they chose to believe his lies instead of the truth their Creator had taught them.

Lesson two: we are supposed to live according to God's ways, even if we don't fully understand them. We are supposed to trust the Creator who made us in the first place and who understands us; and not only that, but who truly loves us and wants only the best for our lives.

Thirdly, Adam and Eve were not supposed to eat the fruit, which they did anyhow, with most disastrous results.

Lesson three: sin does indeed have consequences. People simply cannot live without regard for God and His ways, and expect His blessings or to go to heaven. It just doesn't work that way. That may not sound "reasonable" to some or "modern" to others, but nevertheless, it is true.

The Bible gives us some very practical guidance which would make all the difference to anyone, young or old or in between, facing temptation to do something wrong. In 2 Timothy 2:22, it says, "Flee youthful lusts." In James 4:7, it says, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you." Ironically, many people would rather attempt to resist youthful lusts and flee the devil, maybe because they mistakenly think it might be more fun in the process.

Finally, we read a wonderful promise of God in James 4:8, "Come near to God and He will come near to you."

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Agawam Methodist To Hold Corned Beef And Cabbage Supper

The Agawam Methodist Church will hold a corned beef and cabbage supper on Saturday, March 16th, at 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

Reservations are requested. Call Dana Henry at 789-0684.

The price for seniors is \$6; for all others, \$7. All proceeds from the supper will go towards the purchase of a new dishwasher for the church kitchen.

Lenten Series Offered By 2 Town Churches Thru March 31st

Feeding Hills Congregational Church and Agawam Congregational Church are currently co-sponsoring a Lenten series titled "Faith Over Fear - A Lenten Journey."

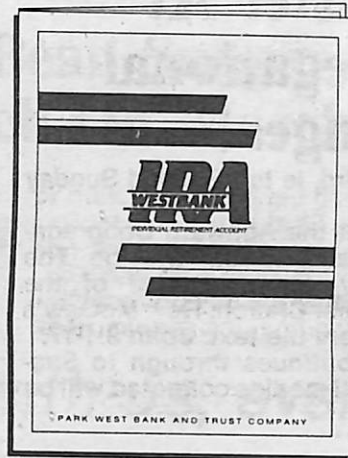
The program began last Sunday evening, February 25th, and will continue on the following five Sundays at 7:15 p.m.

The first three sessions of this series are being held at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. Then, starting on Sunday, March 17th, the remaining three sessions will take place at the Agawam Congregational Church.

Rev. Rob Donaldson and Rev. Curt Fuller will lead this series of song, prayer, meditation, and discussion. Childcare will be provided.

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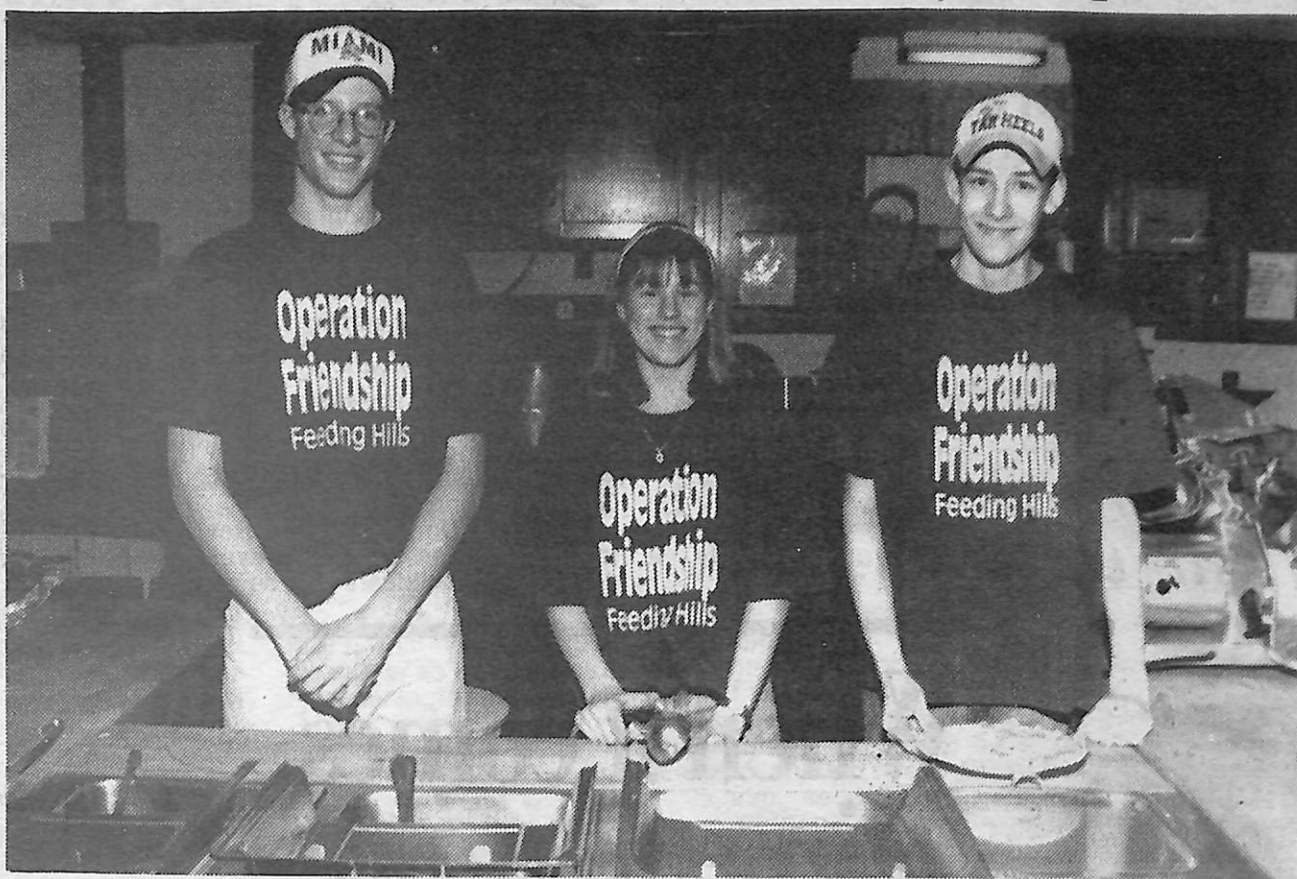
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Roast Beef Dinner Helps Operation Friendship



OPERATION FRIENDSHIP, the international summer youth exchange organized with a chapter at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, held another benefit roast beef dinner earlier this month. From left - Ryan White, Shelley Rose, Dave Cassanelli, and Matt Couture were all part of the group who volunteered their services at the event. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Guest Minister At Ag. Congregational Is No Stranger!

This Sunday, March 3rd, is the Second Sunday of Lent.

The Guest Minister at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, will be The Reverend Kyle McGaw, former Pastor of the Agawam United Methodist Church. Rev. McGaw's sermon will be taken from the text: John 3:1-17.

The Heifer Project continues through to Sunday, March 24th, when all monies collected will be dedicated.

The Confirmation Class led by Rev. Fuller and Cindy Arnold will attend a Confirmation Retreat at the Craigville Conference Center at the Cape.

Peter Hallock will be chaperoning Bobby Fuller, Jen Rettew, and Allison Moran to the Conference Center. During their stay at the Conference Center, they will meet with other Confirmation youths from area U.C.C. Churches and listen, learn, and grow in their faith.

Each year the Craigville Conference Center holds Confirmation Retreats for U.C.C. youth and their leaders.

The Annual Budget Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 10th, immediately following the Worship Service at 11:30 a.m.

The Annual Marie & Nick Zucco Scholarship Dinner will be held on Sunday, March 10th, at 5:30 p.m. This ziti dinner is being sponsored by the Board of Deacons.

There is no cost for the dinner; however, donations will be taken following the dinner. Entertainment for the evening will be provided by Katie Tolles, a guitarist and songstress.

For reservations, call the church office at 786-7111. Reservations close Tuesday, March 5th.

"Building A Bridge" Topic Of Sermon At First Baptist Church

The ordinance of communion will be celebrated this Sunday morning at the 9:30 a.m. service at First Baptist Church.

The pastor's message will be "Building A Bridge" with scriptural text from John 1: 1-5, 10-12. Church school for all ages will follow coffee and conversation.

Nursery care is available.

Midweek evening Lenten study groups continue on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Three groups are offered: a) Bible Study led by John Muncie, new member of the church; b) Parenting Seminar led by Larry Harbison and Phyllis Lewis; and c) Family Building class with the Pastor and Christian Education Director Tim Deik.

Plan to participate in one of these groups for your spiritual growth this Lenten season.

On our calendar this week:

Monday, March 4th: 7:30 p.m., Sunshine Circle meets; 7:30 p.m., Amicitia Circle meets.

Tuesday, March 5th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Planning Conference Committee meets.

Wednesday, March 6th: 7:00 a.m., Continental Breakfast, Meditation and Prayer (Hall Chapel); 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., Trading Post Open; 7:00 p.m., Lenten Study Groups.

Thursday, March 7th: 1:15 p.m., EZ Does It Aerobics Class; 7:30 p.m., Choir Rehearsal; 8:30 p.m., Music Committee meets.

Opportunity will be available during the month of March to contribute to the America for Christ offering. You are urged to consider this important mission offering opportunity.

Methodist Church To Commemorate Both Death & Resurrection

Sunday, March 3rd is the second Sunday in Lent. The Agawam United Methodist Church continues to worship to commemorate the Suffering Death and Resurrection of Jesus.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered during worship. Children will meet in the Fellowship Hall Church School and Music. Song Service and prayers will be at 7:00 p.m.

We invite you to join us at worship, and to give your children the opportunity of joining others and meeting and making new friends, as together and under guidance, they research and find out new and meaningful ways to create and nurture new relationships, through Sunday School lessons and related activities.

Youth meetings will be held at 4:00 p.m., Sundays, March 9th and 26th.

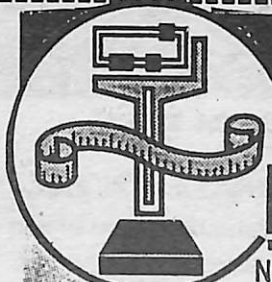
Lenten Bible Study will be held every Monday at 7:15 p.m. Studies will relate to the Suffering, Death and Resurrection of our Lord.

The study will be based on William Canon's "The Gospel of John." All persons who are interested are welcome.

Friday, March 1st, at 7:00 p.m., the Cub Scouts will host a question and answer session with Mayor Johnson, State Representative Linda Melconian, and an Agawam Fire Dept. representative.

All are invited. The meeting promises to be interesting and informative not only to the Cub Scouts, but also to parents and adults both young and senior.

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Pancake Breakfast At F.H. Congregational



WORKING HARD IN THE KITCHEN at the recent Pancake Breakfast at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church was Rev. Rob Donaldson (photo below). **ABOVE**, Joshua Traficante makes sure his sister, Sarah, is happy with her meal. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



MEMBERS OF THE JENNEY FAMILY - Barbara, Susan, and David are about to enjoy a nice pancake breakfast at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church earlier this month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Family Style Ham & Bean Supper Planned At First Baptist Church On March 16th

The First Baptist Church, corner of Main & Elm Sts., Agawam, will sponsor a Family Style Ham & Bean Supper on Saturday, March 16th with servings times at 4:45 and 6:15.

The menu will consist of baked ham, homebaked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, rolls, coffee, tea

or milk, and assorted homemade pies.

Cost for adults is \$7 and \$3 for children under 10. For reservations, please call 786-8609, 786-8209, or 525-2818.

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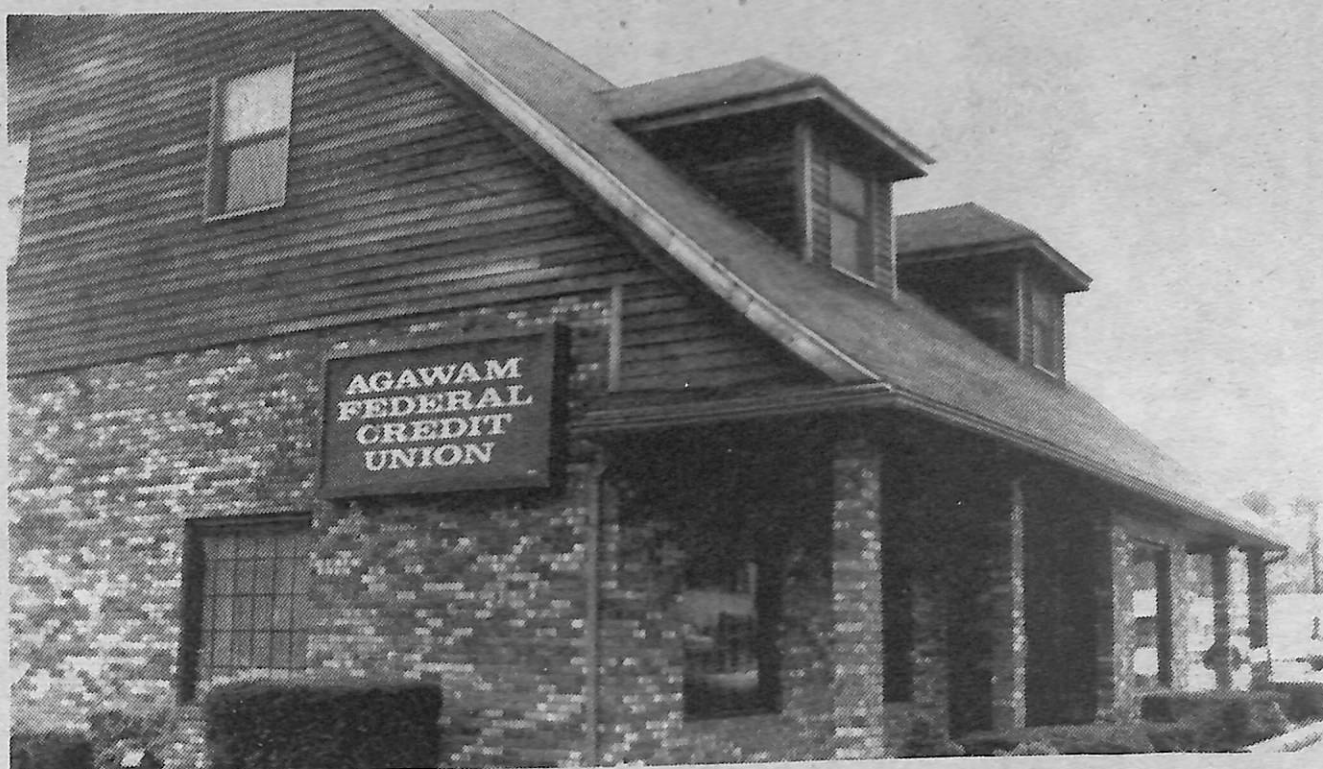
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Spotlight On Business



RICHARD PISANO is the president and CEO of The Agawam Federal Credit Union, located at 4 Washington Avenue Extension (right off of Walnut Street Extension), Agawam. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

AGAWAM CREDIT UNION - from Page 1...

The Credit Union has received excellent ratings from internal and federal audits, and for six years has received a four star rating and citation from the Bauer Financial Reports, Inc., a national bank research and rating firm. There is a plaque on the wall attesting this.

Pisano came to the Credit Union in 1987 with 30 years of banking experience. He had started with the Five Cent Savings Bank in Springfield (which became the Community Savings Bank and later Heritage Bank).

An Agawam native, he graduated from Agawam High School. His banking education was primarily in the banking system. His many courses included some at Northeastern and at the University of Massachusetts. He started as a clerk in 1959 and worked up to branch director, vice president, and branch administrator, before becoming President

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and C.E.O. of The Agawam Credit Union.

Discussion the Credit Union's growth, Pisano said that in 1987, bank assets were \$11 million and assets are \$17 million-plus in 1996. There was \$1.95 million in loans in 1987 and \$5.2 million in 1996. Reserves to assets were 3.84 percent in 1987 and are now 8.3 percent.

The Board of Directors meet monthly in the bank conference room. In addition to Pisano, members are **Dennis Moran**, chairman; **Ronald Hamel**, vice chairman; **Jack Devine**, security officer; and **Edyth Chiba**, **Ann Marie Marone**, **John Porter**, **Karl Schmaelzle**, and **David D'Antonio**.

Full-time employees of the Credit Union, in addition to Pisano, are **Grace Janik**, officer manager, and **Gloria Kerr**, **Gail Pueschel**, and **Lorraine Ruzala**. Part-timers are **Statia Staszko** and **Linda Verteramo**.

For a \$20 fee, anyone who lives or works in Agawam, or a member of their family, or a business located in town, can join The Agawam

Credit Union and become a voting member.

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"I consider this banking as it used to be," Pisano said. "A small bank that knows and cares about its customers."

In addition to savings and loans, the Credit Union offers many services, including Travelers' Checks, Money Orders, Payroll Deductions, Direct Deposits, and Notary Public. Plans are afoot for a checking system and eventually, credit cards.

"We would like many more Agawam residents to join us," Pisano said. "If anyone has a financial problem, then please come and talk to me. If I can, I will help them. If I can't, I hope I'll point them in the right direction."

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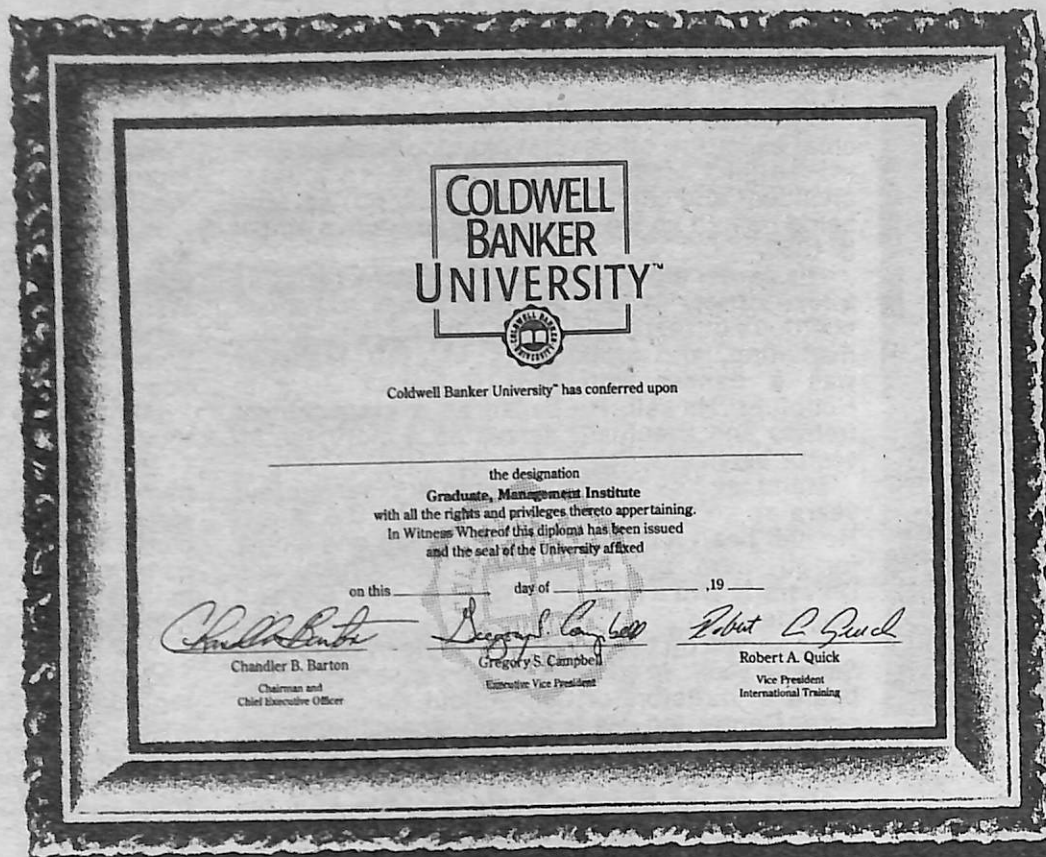
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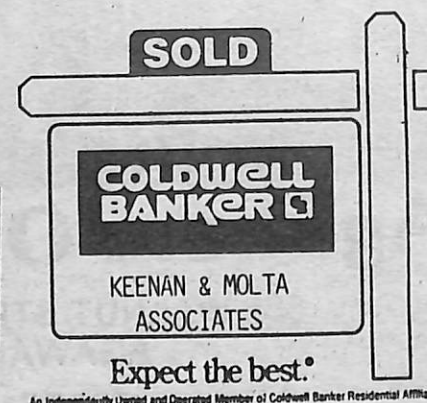
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CORNELIUS D. MAHONEY

Woronoco's Mahoney Elected To Federal Home Bank's Board

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston has announced the election of Cornelius D. Mahoney to its board of directors.

Cornelius D. Mahoney, 51, is the president and chief executive officer of Woronoco Savings Bank in Westfield, Massachusetts. He was promoted to president and chief executive officer in 1986 after being named as the bank's chief executive officer in 1985.

His career at Woronoco Savings Bank began as a loan officer in 1975 and progressed to various positions of responsibility in lending, operations, marketing, and investments. In 1970, Mahoney was a banker with First Hawaiian Bank in Honolulu, Hawaii. He began as a management trainee and eventually served as a mortgage investor services officer.

Mahoney is a Vietnam veteran and served four years as an intelligence officer in the U.S. Army. He has been a professional musician and singer for 30 years, and holds a BA from Chaminade University and a MBA from Western New England College.

He serves on the board of trustees of Woronoco Savings Bank. In addition, Mahoney serves on the board of directors of Connecticut On-Line Computer Center Inc. He is second vice chairman of America's Community Bankers and a visiting associate professor at Westfield State College.

He is on the board of trustees of the ACB Na-

tional School of Finance at Fairfield University and board of directors of the Credit Bureau of Western Massachusetts.

Mahoney is involved in a number of civic organizations. He is a board member of the Westfield Community Development Corporation, vice president of the Colony Club of Springfield, a member of the Association of the First Division (Big Red One), and a corporator of the Greater Westfield Boys and Girls Club.

He is also past chairman of the Greater Westfield Chamber of Commerce, and a past board member of the Rotary Club of Westfield.

Mahoney is married to Robin Joan Pfister, and they have two children.

The Home Loan Bank of Boston is the central bank for housing finance in the six New England states. Institutions eligible for membership include savings banks, S&Ls, co-operative banks, commercial banks, and credit unions. The bank's more than 400 members are the sole customers and shareholders of the Bank.

The Home Loan Bank of Boston is part of the Federal Home Loan Bank System, a network of 12 regional, member-owner central banks. The banks were created by Congress to promote home finance by providing financial services to banking institutions that commit a significant portion of their assets to home-mortgage loans.

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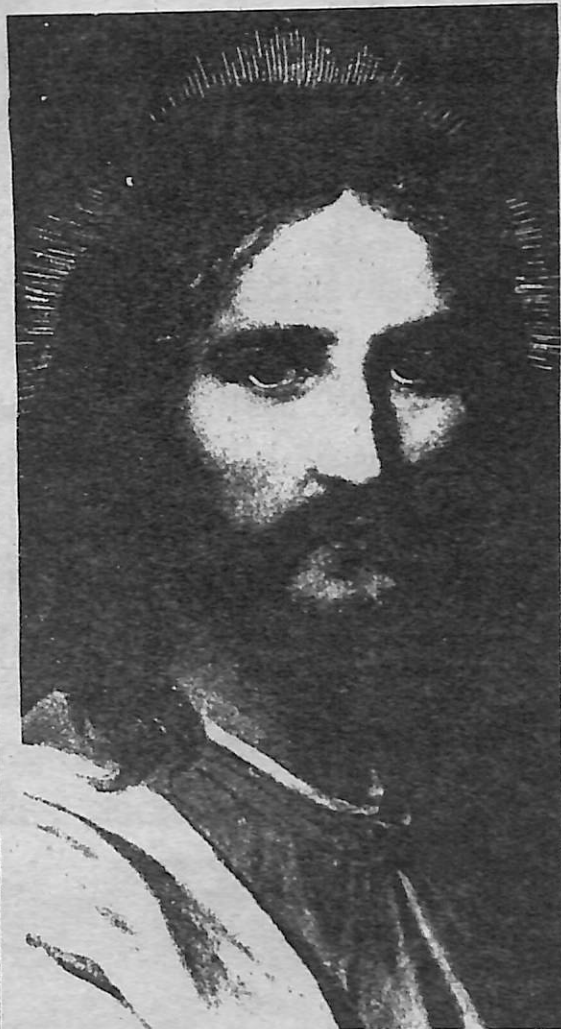
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Tips To Help Sell Your Home

There is a large inventory of homes for sale on the market today; therefore, buyers are very selective when looking for their dream home. The following tips may help your home be more attractive to buyers:

1. First impressions are very important. Lawn should be freshly cut and trimmed, walks and driveway edged, and flower beds free of weeds. Exterior of home should be neat and appealing—no peeling paint, missing shutters or screens. Driveway and walks should be clear of toys, garden tools, etc. Paint/stain front entry door if needed.

2. The second most important impression is when the buyers enter your home. Entryway, halls,

and stairs should be free of clutter to give a wider appearance. Carpets and floors should be clean. Pets should be kept under control.

3. Interior walls should be clean or freshly painted. Open drapes, curtains, blinds, or shades. Turn on all lights to make all rooms as bright as possible. Replace burned-out light bulbs and repair light switches that are inoperative. If you repaint, use light neutral colors.

4. Remove as many items from closets and storage areas as possible which will make them look roomier. Leave closet and storage area doors partially open and lights on so buyer can view effortlessly.

5. Kitchen area should be made to look as neat as possible—no dishes in the sink and counters clear of clutter. Take items that are not used daily off counter tops and reduce the amount of items in kitchen cabinets. By removing these items, counter tops and cabinets will look more spacious.

6. Bathrooms should be cleaned meticulously. Clean darkened grout in shower, clean soap scum from shower walls. Make sure bathroom smells fresh when buyers enter.

7. Garage, attic, and storage space should be clutter-free to display full value of storage and

utility space. Make sure these areas are easily accessible.

8. Keep heat and air-conditioning at a comfortable level, normally about 68 degrees for heat and 74 degrees for air-conditioning. Wipe dust off air-conditioning and heating units.

9. Make sure all appliances are in good working order. For example, many buyers will turn on the garbage disposal to see if it works. If it fails to function or makes loud noise, it may make the buyers suspicious of the other appliances.

10. Remove any items that you intend to keep such as special chandelier or wall system. The buyers may assume these items are part of the sale and when you tell them they are not part of the sale, it may give them the feeling that you are stripping the home of the "extras."

If possible, have your real estate agent show your home when it is the most appealing to potential buyers. Normally, the best time to show your home is when no one is at home.

Buyers are more comfortable and usually will be more willing to make comments about your home during the showing. Feedback from potential buyers is valuable. Your real estate agent can use this information to assist in marketing your home.

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Westfield Savings
Has Another Year
Of Big Growth

"Substantial growth in all areas," was the way Westfield Savings Bank President Donald A. Williams summed up his annual report to trustees and corporators on Tuesday evening, Feb. 13th.

Among highlights were an increase of 9.5 percent in total assets, bringing the bank to an all-time high of \$467,712,153. Westfield Savings also registered impressive gains in deposits with an increase of \$35,777,440, for a total of \$412,085,443. Net income for the year amounted to \$4,029,730, after payment of more than \$16.5 million in dividends to depositors.

President Williams reported an increase of 4.4 percent in the Bank's investment in commercial real estate, raising the total to \$89 million. He also noted that at the end of the year, more than \$4.5 million had been added in commercial and industrial loans, an increase of 44 percent over the previous year. In residential real estate, the Bank recorded increases amounting to nearly \$21 million, bringing the Westfield Savings local home mortgage investment to \$273,758,425.

Consumer loans, including an Indirect Auto Loan program conducted through several local leading automotive dealers, brought consumer lending to \$28,699,753 at the end of 1995.

President Williams commented on the loyalty and dedication of the entire staff throughout the year. Among the major milestones noted were the West Springfield Office passing the \$100,000,000 mark in deposits and the fifth anniversary of the Southwick Office, celebrated in conjunction with the town's 225th anniversary.

Corporators were also informed of numerous improvements in operations including the installation of new ATMs in Westfield, West Springfield, and Agawam and the conversion of teller terminals to a new PC-based system, which has already been completed at the Main Street Office and Drive-up and will be implemented at other offices later this year.

Corporators were also informed of Westfield Savings' widespread support of community activities in all areas where the Bank maintains offices and beyond. They were also updated on the continuing aggressive marketing campaign the Bank has undertaken to make services available to low income groups and other non-traditional customers.

President Williams paid special tribute to two retiring trustees, Calvin J. Arnold of Southwick and Dr. Richard K. Douglas of Westfield, "both of whom have contributed valuable counsel and loyal service for many years, and will be missed greatly."

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For Your Health



Your Back And Your Health

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The Perils Of Skiing...

Skiing this winter? Be careful. If you're an avid skier like me, you've undoubtedly seen some exciting skiing this winter. You may have also seen some spectacular falls. Perhaps you were involved in one yourself.

Torn ligaments and tendons are a common result. Even broken bones. I recently saw a young male skier knocked unconscious during a particularly bad fall. The earth is very unforgiving.

Stop and consider for a moment what happens to the delicate spine during a bad skiing mishap. The spine is often over-compressed, or over-flexed or extended.

An injury on the ski slope is very often the same type as that received in an auto crash. The body is struck or badly jarred, and the bones in the neck or back can be misplaced, or sometimes fractured.

When this occurs in an arm or leg, the fractured bone is set and nature heals the break with time. But not so easily detected and more threatening is a misplaced or damaged vertebra in the spinal column.

If one or more of these bones is even slightly out of line, it can mean pressure on the nerves inside the spine and actual partial or complete paralysis of muscles and organs.

It can cause permanent spinal curvature later, which shows up with startling clarity on x-rays of many patients.

While skiing is one of the most exhilarating winter sports there is, no bad fall should be forgotten until after a chiropractic consultation and examination.

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Food for Thought

by Nancy Dell
Registered Dietician

The Cornerstone Of A Healthful Eating Style

Quick. How many different foods do you eat on a regular basis? If your answer is "more than 10," you're probably either unusual ... or fudging a bit (speaking of food).

Try keeping track of what you eat for two weeks. You're likely to find your eating pattern is dominated by eight to 10 "core" foods—regular selections that make up at least 80 percent of your food choices every week. So what's wrong with eating the same foods over and over again?

"In a world with tens of thousands of food options, you're not only depriving your taste buds by choosing the same foods week after week, you're also depriving yourself of a healthful eating style, one built on the time-tested principles of balance, variety, and moderation," said Nancy Schwartz, Ph.D., R.D., who directs The American Dietetic Association's (ADA) National Center for Nutrition and Dietetics (NCND).

"By increasing the variety of foods you choose, you're more likely to get sufficient quantities of the 40 essential nutrients found in various foods, which over a lifetime will not only increase your

vitality, but reduce your risk for many diseases related to nutrition. And perhaps the best news is that, with a little planning, any food can be part of a healthful eating pattern," Schwartz added.

The American Dietetic Association recommends a daily eating pattern based on the Food Guide Pyramid that consists of:

- * Six to 11 servings of grains (such as bread, rice, cereal, and pasta).
- * Two to four servings of fruits.
- * Three to five servings of vegetables.
- * Two to three servings of meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs, and/or nuts.
- * Two to three servings of milk, yogurt, and/or cheese.
- * Minimal amounts of fats, oils, and sweets.

For people who want to improve their health—and tantalize their taste buds—by expanding culinary horizons, ADA offers the following tips:

- Try one new recipe or prepared food a week at home. Look primarily for grain, vegetable, and fruit-based dishes.
- Borrow a friend's cookbook and discover exciting new recipes.
- At restaurants, order a dish you've never tried before, or double your pleasure by sharing portions with a friend.
- Experiment with different styles of cuisine; e.g., if Mexican or Italian foods are old favorites, try sampling Greek or Indian cuisine.

"It's easy and exciting to increase the variety of foods you choose. And, by eating many different foods, balancing food selections (e.g., low- and high-fat foods), and practicing moderation, you can build a healthful eating style without giving up your favorite foods," said Schwartz.

Nancy Dell, MS, is the Media Representative for the Western Mass. Dietetic Association and a Registered Dietitian with a private practice in Feeding Hills. She can be reached at (413) 786-2957.

Mature Adults Can Add Quality And Years To Their Lives Through Exercise!!!

by Denise Moffatt
Marketing Director, Fitness First

If you are an adult over age 50 or know someone who is, listen up. This one's for you.

Did you know that you can actually add actual quality and years to your life if you exercise at least three times a week for an hour at a time? Did you also know that in a recent local study*, research has found that mature adults who exercised regularly scored higher in flexibility, had more energy and grip strength than mature adults who did not exercise regularly?

This study also indicated that the adults who exercised had lower levels of body fat, had less tension, depression, fatigue, anger and confusion, too! Now, doesn't that sound like the life you want to live? It's easier said than done, right? Wrong.

Grab a friend, bring him or her along with you and visit your local fitness center. Let the professionals there show you exactly how to gain the things you read above by incorporating a simple

exercise routine into your life.

Some adults find that doing a pool aerobic class (in a heated pool) designed especially for mature adults is the perfect remedy for aching muscles as well as conditioning. Other adults find sanctity in classes like Tai Chi which slowly, yet effectively, moves the body to improve circulation and flexibility while relaxing the mind and spirit.

Still others prefer to take a stroll on a treadmill or even lift some weights. Whatever the exercise, it will benefit you now and in the long run.

Do something great for yourself. Consult your doctor and then call your local fitness center to schedule an evaluation of your fitness ability. It's time to take care of yourself and live longer.

(*Study conducted by Barbara Vinciguerra, Asst. General Manager of Fitness First Family Health & Fitness Center in Feeding Hills.)

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ELISSA DAWN DEROCHERS

Elissa Derochers To Be Feted With Other Kids At Epilepsy Dinner

Elissa Dawn Derochers looks like any other nine year-old child, and in many ways, is. However, since Elissa's second day of life, she has struggled with and endured daily/weekly seizures, hospitalizations too numerous to count, medication side effects (many with nearly fatal consequences), and the seemingly never-ending tests searching for either the cause or the cure. Neither have been within her reach.

Like many children with Epilepsy, available medications have had no effect on Elissa's seizures, this is why research is so crucial for these children if their seizures are ever to be controlled. Elissa is currently taking part in a new drug study at Children's Hospital. The new drug is available in Asia, Europe, and Canada, and there is hope her seizures will respond to the new drug without the serious side effects she's experienced in the past.

Elissa is a cheerful, active girl who, although receives special education in her third grade class, is a driven, determined child - determined to overcome the many challenges she's been faced with daily.

Recently, Elissa was chosen by the Epilepsy Foundation of America to be featured in Epilepsy USA, the Epilepsy Foundation's newspaper, as one of their "Winning Kids." These children are selected by EFA affiliates across the nation for personal qualities and outstanding achievement.

Please join Elissa and her family at the second Annual Epilepsy Fundraising Dance to be held at the Oaks Banquet Hall on March 9th. The featured performers will be "The Crescents."

All proceeds from the dance will benefit the Epilepsy Foundation of Massachusetts to fund research so we can find a cure for this devastating illness.

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The biggest event held at Fitness First is the Children's Miracle Network Tournament. This year the tournament, which is comprised of a racquetball tournament, aerobathon, and fitness triathlon, will be held March 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

In the past six years, Fitness First has raised over \$61,000 for this event, and we have set a goal to raise \$15,000 this year. The money raised for the Children's Miracle Network stays in this area and goes towards great equipment, supplies, and programs that help to create a more enjoyable environment for the child and family during traumatic times.

When my baby was born and had to stay in the neo-natal intensive care unit, the rocking chairs provided were from the Children's Miracle Network. It was so nice being able to hold and rock my baby under these conditions. (I am glad to say that she is very healthy now!)

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4. What have you told others about your experience with chiropractic?

Just what I've mentioned above: no pills, no shots, just natural expert care has done wonders.

5. What would you suggest to someone with a similar problem?

Give Dr. Nelson a try, can't hurt. Better than being doped up all the time or having surgery—give chiropractic a try.

Additional remarks:

I was told about 10 years ago by two orthopedic surgeons that I needed back surgery. Only one other said if you are not bed ridden and can move at all, if you were my wife, I'd send you to a chiropractor first—find a good one. I DID!

Childbirth Education Course Available At Providence Hospital

Parents-to-be can learn everything they need to know about the big event by taking part in a childbirth education course offered by the Center for Women's Health at Providence Hospital in Holyoke.

Sessions will meet Mondays from March 4th through April 8th, from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. in room 5, west wing, on the hospital's third floor.

The program prepares expectant parents for the birth of their baby, providing information on the physical and emotional aspects of pregnancy, labor, delivery, and baby care. Relaxation and breathing techniques will be explored in depth; a tour of the Family Birthplace is also offered.

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"Anything Goes" To Return To The Stage At Bay Path College

"Anything Goes" returns to Bay Path College for a second time; it was first presented in 1971. The remounting of the show follows that of many theatre groups around the country who keep bringing back this 1934 hit.

It was revived in New York in 1962 and again in 1988 in a highly successful production at Lincoln Center. There have been two movie treatments, a television mini-production starring Ethel Merman and Frank Sinatra, three London productions, and any number of revivals around the country in high schools, colleges, summer stock and regional theatres.

One hearing of the score explains its popularity. "I Get A Kick Out Of You," "It's DeLovely," "Blow, Gabriel, Blow," "All Through The Night," and the toe-tapping title song are just half of the melodic tunes. And above all are the witty, sophisticated lyrics of Cole Porter at the peak of his talents.

The book by Wodehouse, Bolton, Lindsay, and Crouse (all major writers of their day) is stylish, romantic, and funny. A disparate crowd of characters sail for England on the luxury liner *S.S. America*, and romance and comedy ensue.

A drunken stockbroker, an evangelist turned nightclub singer, her falling "angels," a stuffy English Lord, his pretty fiancée, her battle-axe mother, a romantic leading man, Public Enemy Number 13, and his gun moll all run into each other and the crew and other passengers to provide an evening of hilarity and music.

Bay Path's large cast of students and male guest artists from the community promise an evening of romance, comedy, spectacular dance routines, and stylish settings and costumes of the 1930's. This is an evening of non-depressed Depression years.

For further information, contact Paul Norton, Director/Producer, at (413) 567-0621, ext. 361.

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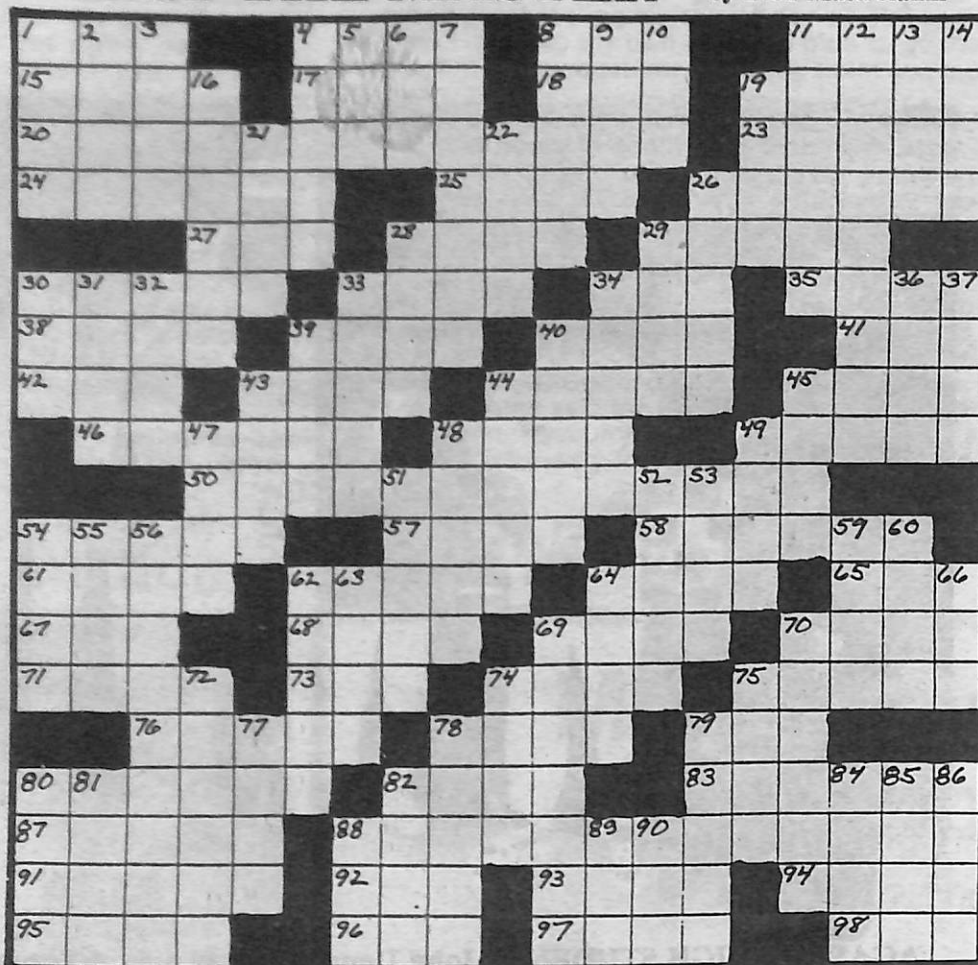
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Agawam Community Artists To Present J. Frances McCarthy

J. Frances McCarthy is a national award winner who paints primarily in water media, including watercolor and acrylic. She has also had awards in oil and pastel.

Fran McCarthy is a well-known painter in Massachusetts. She has maintained a gallery in Rockport, and has been a national juror and also juried the Copley Society Members show.

She is presently on the Council of Academic Artists and is a former secretary of the Springfield Art League. She has won many awards and has appeared on television in an art format.

Her paintings are in many corporate collections, including Merrill Lynch, Digital, Dean Witter, Monarch, Phoenix Mutual, the State House in Boston, and also in England, Germany, and Italy.

The Agawam Community Artists is proud to bring to our area this versatile artist. Fran plans to demonstrate how to set up a still life and paint one in acrylics on March 6th (following a short business meeting at 7:00 p.m.) at the Captain Charles Leonard House, Main Street, Agawam.

This meeting is open to the public at no charge, so please join us. The Agawam Community Artists is under the auspices of the Agawam Council for the Arts.

HILLTOP PLAYERS Announce Auditions For Spring Production

The HILLTOP PLAYERS Family Theatre announces auditions for its Spring production which will be the Broadway Musical "ONCE UPON A MATTRESS" on March 10th and 11th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Red Door Theatre, 152 S. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

"ONCE UPON A MATTRESS" is a tongue-in-cheek telling of the classic children's story the Princess and the Pea filled with delightful songs and side-splitting hilarity.

The production is complete with a lonely prince, a bossy queen, a mute king, a wandering minstrel, lords and ladies-in-waiting, and, of course, a plethora of princesses-to-be. Mary Roder's musical score includes such old favorites as "In A Little While," "Normandy," and "Yesterday I Loved You."

Those people wishing to audition should prepare a selection of music and will be asked to read from the script. An accompanist will be provided.

Auditions are open to anyone age 16 and up. There will be a few non-speaking roles for children ages nine to 15.

For more information, call (413) 789-2026.

Storytime At Ag. Lib. Set For March 11th

Agawam and Feeding Hills families with children aged three and up are invited to the Agawam Public Library for an evening storytime on Monday, March 11th, from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m.

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Education

Technical Education Exhibited At AHS At Career Awareness Fair

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Just before their mid-winter vacation, Agawam High School students had the chance to learn more about vocational education in general and the programs offered through the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative (LPVEC) in particular.

Staff from the LPVEC Voc-Tech Center and AHS students currently enrolled in the program set up a Career Awareness Fair in the corridor outside the cafeteria.

For several mornings, students could browse through the displays of the nine career pathways offered at the Chicopee Voc-Tech Center and take a brief computer survey matching students' interests and skills with career information.

LPVEC Assessment Counselor Carol Leacock said the goal of the career fair was not just recruitment for the voc-tech center. "We're trying to get career interest going here to make the kids more aware of what's out there."

In addition to learning more about how their own interests and skills fit into the different career pathways, students could use a computer program to find out what the duties, educational requirements, salary ranges, and job markets would be for just about any professional or technical career.

LPVEC School to Career Liaison Diana Robbins said enrolling in a voc-tech program does not preclude a student from choosing to attend college.

"That's one of the misnomers we're trying to dispel," Ms. Robbins said. "Parents are fearful that children at voke schools will not have enough credits to get into college and that's not true. We encourage our students to go on to four-year colleges and community colleges. For those who want to go, we have a good college enrollment ratio."

Students who opt for a voc-tech education through the LPVEC program spend half the school day at the Voc-Tech Center in Chicopee and half the school day at AHS in academic classes.



AGAWAM HIGH STUDENTS John Douglas and Shannon Forgues (photo left) look over the carpentry exhibit from the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative at Agawam High School with instructor Rich Mougin; **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, AHS student Nicole Cam-
pion is pictured with Registered Nurse Andrea Weidhaas, Food Service Instructor Ronald DiSalvo, and Special Education Liaison Pamela Jones. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



Ms. Robbins said the LPVEC Program allows students to maintain contact with their neighborhood friends and gives them the chance to participate in the sports program at AHS.

Enhances Employment Prospects

A voc-tech education enhances students' employment prospects by developing critical thinking skills, teaching students to work with others in a multicultural environment, provides

hands-on experience in technical fields, and gives students the opportunity to develop entrepreneurial skills, Ms. Robbins said.

Enrolled in the Fashion Trades/Merchandising program, AHS junior **Laura Cincotta** enjoys attending the Voc-Tech Center and intends to continue as a senior.

After high school, Laura would like to pursue

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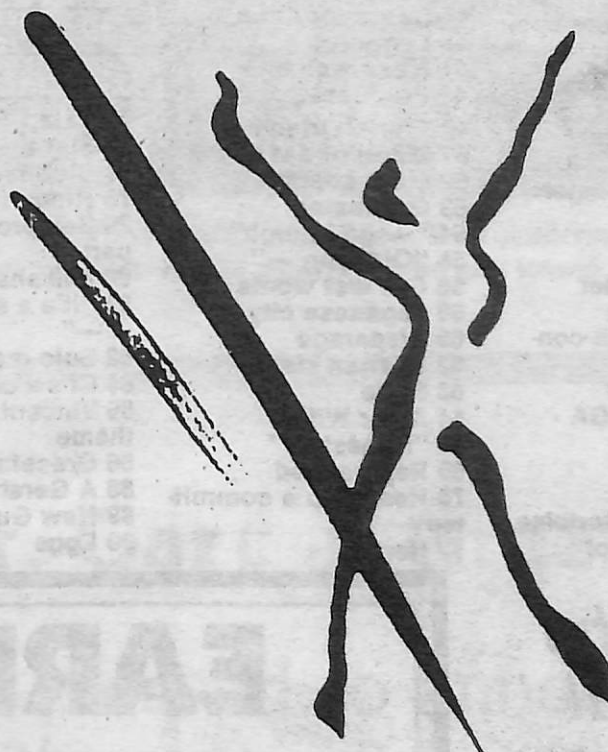
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SKILLS CENTER - from Page 26...

her love of working with animals in a veterinary program or use the skills she's learning at the LPVEC in running a business of her own.

"It's very interesting and we're learning a lot of different things like bookkeeping, marketing, and making on-the-spot business decisions. The most important thing we're learning is how to deal with people and how to make a finished product," Laura said.

Also looking down the road to career possibilities using the skills he's gained in the automotive technology program is AHS senior Tim Lawrenchuk. In September, Tim will join the Marine Corps and expects to put his automotive know-how to work in a 20-year career in the military. After retiring from the service, Tim thinks he may want to open his own repair shop.

In addition to learning technical skills while working under the direction of their instructors in the school's repair shop, Tim said LPVEC

students learn responsibility and how to impress customers with the thoroughness of their work.

"It's a great feeling to get a job done," Tim said. "When I open up my own garage, I plan to go the extra step for my customers to keep them coming back."

For AHS students interested in earning a vocational certificate in addition to their high school diploma, the LPVEC offers nine career pathways and a technical career cluster exploratory program.

Students may choose among Allied Health/Nursing Assistant, Automotive Technology, Carpentry, Electric Assembly, Fashion Trades/Merchandising, Food Management Services, Graphic Arts, Landscaping Technology/Horticulture and Metal Machining/CAD/Drafting.

Ms. Robbins said the LPVEC will open a Career Information Resource Center at AHS within a month with funding from a Department of Education grant.

Plans For Sophisticated Computer System

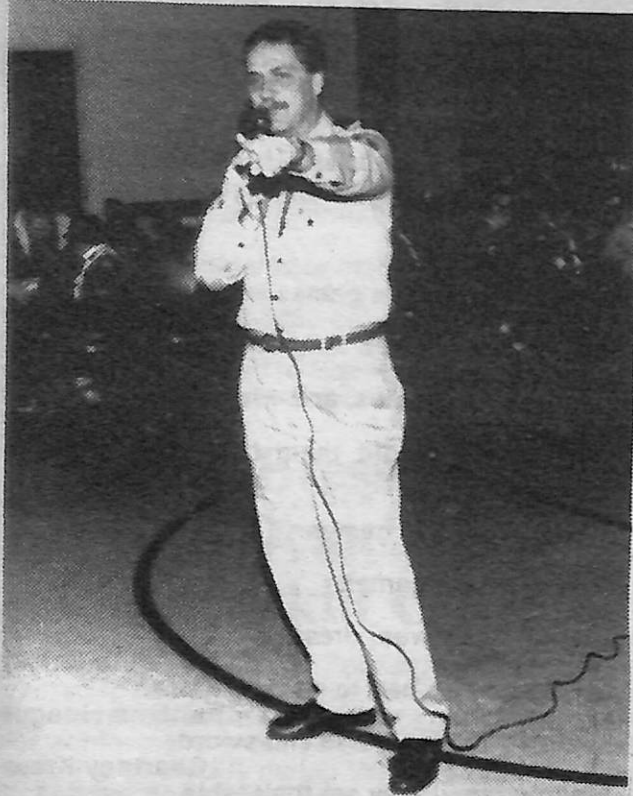
Although plans are not yet complete, the center will feature a sophisticated computer system that will give students instant access to career information, as well as information on job availability and college requirements.

Acting Deputy Principal Paul Cavallo said a storage room across from the cafeteria would be an ideal place for the center as students would be able to use the facility after they've had lunch.

"The kids are eager for this information," Cavallo said.

The resource center will also have a video library so students can get a realistic view of professionals working in a variety of careers.

Parents interested in more information about the technical education programs offered through the LPVEC can call the Voc-Tech Center at (413) 593-5586 or the Guidance Department at AHS.

Cub Scout Auction...

SCOUT PACK 77 recently held a cake auction led by pack leaders Gregg Lewis and John O'Brien (pictured above). Below, scouts Joey DeLuca, Scott Thomas, and Tommy DeLuca look over some of the cakes with parent Philip Thomas. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

**Kim Trudel Named To Dean's List**

Kim Trudel of Agawam has been named to the Dean's list for the Fall 1995 semester at Stonehill College in North Easton, Mass.

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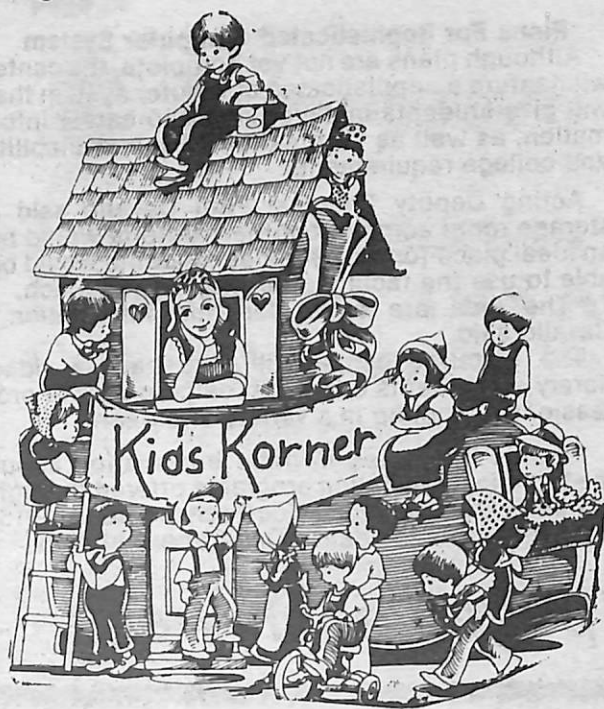
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Granger Kids Learn About Plimoth Plantation

On Monday, February 12th, two first grade classrooms at Granger School (Room 17, Ms. Liptak and Room 13, Mrs. Carra) had visitors from Plimoth Plantation.

A pilgrim, Goodwife Elizabeth Hopkins, dressed in 17th century clothing and speaking in 17th century English dialect, visited both classrooms. The program was filled with information and stories representing the knowledge and beliefs of the Pilgrims.

The children also got to play several games that the Pilgrim children played. Everyone enjoyed their day with the "Pilgrims."

ROOM 17 - MS. ANNE LIPTAK WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT PLIMOTH PLANTATION...

- They dress differently than us. **Cassandra Ashwell**
- They all drink out of the same cup. **Nicole Boyd**
- They don't wear the same clothes as us. **Steven Carmody**
- They wear clothes made of animal skins. **Daniel Cassidy**
- It was dangerous coming to America on the boat. **Sean Conway**
- The Pilgrim's hat was made out of beaver skin. **Sarah Devenitch**
- I learned how to dress like a Pilgrim. **Amy Dulude**
- You can't hide, and you have to follow the rules. **Brittany Favreau**
- I learned how Pilgrim children played with their toys. **Andrew Fay**
- They had to keep fences around their gardens. **Thomas Goodrow**
- Girls and boys had to wear dresses. **Analysa Haupt**
- I learned how to set the table. **Lauren Kelley**
- The Mayflower almost blew up! **Antonio Green**
- The children had to serve their parents. **Katelyn Moran**
- The Pilgrims don't dress like us. **Stephanie Obue**
- I learned how adult Pilgrims dress. **Corey Peabody**



GOODWIFE ELIZABETH HOPKINS from Plimoth Plantation recently paid a visit to two first grade classrooms at Granger School. **IN PHOTO LEFT**, Goodwife Hopkins is pictured with students in the class of Anne Liptak; **IN PHOTO RIGHT**, Robin Ozelius is pictured with student Carly Keeley. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

- I learned how the children played games. **Matthew Poirier**
- I learned how to play horse and sword. **Jovany Rodriguez**
- Pilgrims eat dried up fish. **Sarah Roos**
- They had to hunt for food. **Nicholas Rossi**
- I learned how to play Pilgrim games. **Kyle Sluis**
- They have a lot of chores in the morning. **Sarah Sydow**
- They wear different clothes. **Ashley Veilleux**
- They were seasick on the Mayflower. **Keith Wellington**
- The people had to get food from animals. **Sara Wilson**
- The children had to serve their parents. **Shannon Wright**
- I learned how to play horse and sword. **Christopher Wyman**
- I learned how they got their food. **Ember Hoover**

- ### ROOM 13 - MRS. JEANNE CARRA
- I didn't know the Pilgrims could be so fascinating. **Richard Rozanski**
 - They have battles with cannons. **Anthony Jimenez**
 - I liked the games the Pilgrims' children played. **Alyssa Tompsett**
 - The children wore gowns. **Juliana Welch**
 - They traded fur with the Indians. **Molly Nowill**
 - I learned that it wasn't a real Pilgrim, and she doesn't drink milk. **John Paul LaCroix**
 - They dress different than us. **Rebecca Rosenberg**

- I learned many fun games. **Jaimie Plamondon**
- The Pilgrims lived a long time ago. **Carly Keeley**
- I learned fun games, and what Pilgrims wore. **Michael Marsili**
- The Indians taught them how to use Indian corn. **Corey Moccio**
- I learned to play games. **Kelly Williamson**
- They play fun games. **Ashley Martin**
- The boys can wear dresses. **Joshua Illicky**
- The daughters had to sit by the fires. **Kaitlynn Hoague**
- I learned to play horse and sword. **Courtney Kraus**
- I learned how they set their table. **Sarah Fini**
- How the boys dress. **Ashley Rescigno**
- I learned how they had to make their beds in the morning. **Leah Drewnowski**
- They eat dried fish. **Michael DeChristopher**
- They plant fish. **Danielle Kudlic**
- They had no stores back then. **Ryan Barrington**
- Boys and girls have to wear skirts. **Brianne Sacco**
- I liked to play horse and sword. **Anthony Testori**
- If you don't go to church, you get whipped and thrown in jail. **Mark Hardy**
- They had tons of fun back then. **Robert Gosselin**

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On March 21, 1996, we will be holding our second free seminar and open house for the public in order to introduce our programs to the community. The seminar will be a topic of general interest to the public and is geared to be a fun and educational evening.

This event will happen at the Fairfield Mall in Chicopee from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Many incentives include a free gift for those who call in advance to let us know they are coming, a raffle for free tuition to an evening program of the winner's choice, and free annual membership for anyone who registers for a program that evening. Teachers will be available to do demonstrations and discuss their programs.

For a course catalog or more information on the open house, please call the Creative Learning Center at (413) 593-0092 between 10:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Anyone interested in teaching may call and ask for a teaching proposal form.

Andrew Bressem Attains Dean's List At Cobleskill College

Andrew Bressem of Feeding Hills has been named to the Dean's List of the State University of New York at Cobleskill, part of the SUNY system, for achieving a grade point average of 3.5 while carrying 16 credits during the 1995 fall semester.

Andrew has served as a resident assistant of his dorm for the past two years, and has worked at the campus ski lodge for the past three winters.

He is currently a senior pursuing his bachelor's degree in plant science, and holds an associate's degree in landscape design.

Andrew is the son of Joyce Bressem-Granger, Charles Granger, Jr., and the late Jon A. Bressem.

Jessica T. Liptak Makes Dean's List

Feeding Hills resident Jessica T. Liptak was named to the Framingham State College Dean's list for the Fall 1995 semester.

To be selected for the Dean's list, a student must earn a Quality Point Average (Q.P.A.) of 3.25 or higher.

AHS Students Give Fine Top 40 Show



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS displayed their musical talents at the Top 40 Show at the school recently. IN TOP PHOTOS, from left - Justine Craven, Lisa Reveruzzi, Robin Przybyla, and Crystal Rivers. IN PHOTOS BELOW, Michele Ingalls and Diane Parslow. The show is under the direction of AHS music teacher Stephen Files. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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The girls in **Junior Troop 553** have been involved in many interesting activities since the fall. Some of the fun highlights from our meetings to date are swimming at the Junior High School, learning bookkeeping skills, and making crafts. The rest of the year promises to be equally as challenging.

We have planned a trip to Washington, D.C. at the end of June. The girls are determined to raise the money they need to finance the trip themselves. They have been collecting bottles and cans since last year and this past fall the Troop worked hard to put on a very successful tag sale.

A trip is also planned by the girls in March to Camp Bonnie Brae.

By the end of the year, we hope to complete the "Sign of the Rainbow" and "Junior Aide" patches.

To top off the year, the girls will be Bridging to Cadette Scouts.

Although we've had to cancel several of our meetings due to the snowstorms this winter, **Robinson Park Brownie Troop 564** has still managed to have a little fun!

The girls have earned the "Good Food," "Music," and "Her Story" Try-Its. During the holidays, our Troop participated in the Giving Tree project. We also had a Christmas party that was enjoyed by all.

During one meeting, we went on a field trip to Food Mart, where the girls learned how to "Shop Smart." Another meeting took us to the Agawam Public Library. The girls learned about what life was like in the 40's and 50's.

Our Troop is eagerly looking forward to more exciting field trips and fun to finish out the year!

Phelps Junior Troop 557 started off the year in October with an outdoor hike at Robinson State Park. This was the first step towards their "Hiking" Badge. In addition, the girls have learned to read a map and to tie nine different types of knots.

In November, the Troop made seasoned oil for Thanksgiving to add a special flavor to the holiday feast.

For a December field trip, the girls traveled to Windsor, Connecticut, where they rode on the different trolley cars and drank hot chocolate. On December 11th, as a service project, the Troop made a trip to the Shriners Hospital. They sang carols and visited with the patients. A great time was had by all!

We'd like to give special thanks to **Brenda Hamel** for arranging our visit. The girls hope to go



DAISY TROOP 566 from Clark School visited the "Giving Tree" at Baystate West during the holidays. Back row - Leader Cindy Paro, Jr. Assistants Patricia Sheehan, Catherine Sheehan, and Amber Paro. Front row - Daisy members Margaret Sheehan, Autumn Paro, Courtney Cowell, Nicole DeSimone, Sara Hapanen, and Danielle Stelma.

again next year.

During the holidays, our Troop also participated in the Agawam Junior Women's "Holiday Baskets."

We started off 1996 with a field trip to the Springfield Science Museum for "Sensational Science and Math." The girls spent the afternoon working on interesting experiments. Their participation in the activities helped them earn a special patch from the Museum that they can proudly display on the back of their sash or vest. They did a great job and had fun, all at the same time!

Our Troop rededication ceremony was held on January 29th. The girls were joined in the celebration by their families and friends.

Granger Brownie Troop 579 earned the Try-It "Food Fun" by learning about nutrition, preparing and eating some good foods. We made tacos, pizza, baked apples, salad, and fruit punch—Yummy!

The Troop is presently working on the "Colors and Shapes" Try-It. The girls really enjoyed mixing paints to make different colors and making their own playdough.

Our Troop has become "penpals" with a Troop from the St. Stanislaus School in Chicopee. After writing letters back and forth, we were able to meet them for a fun afternoon at The Rollaway.

Our last Try-It will be "Around The World." The girls will be learning about people and customs in other countries. In addition, we are working on Bridging to Junior Girls Scouts.

Matthew P. Normand Is Named A Student Ambassador At WNEC

Matthew P. Normand of Agawam has been named a student ambassador at Western New England College. He is the son of Paul and Beverly Normand of Easthampton.

Juniors and seniors at the College who have at least a 2.70 grade point average and have demonstrated outstanding leadership ability are eligible to be named as student ambassadors. They represent the College at different functions throughout the year.

Normand is a junior and is majoring in psychology.

Western New England College is a private, coeducational institution located on a 131-acre suburban campus in Springfield, MA, with an additional 16 sites throughout the Commonwealth.

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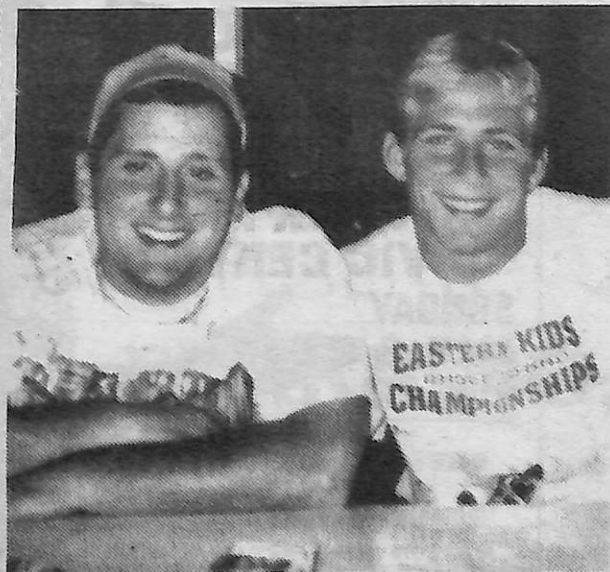
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Agawam Middle School PTO News

The last PTO Board meeting was held February 5, 1996 with 15 members present representing staff and parents.

The PTO has appropriated \$350 per each homeroom for field trips or in-house programs. This would not be possible without the efforts of all students and their families with the Fall Fundraiser.

The Annual Scholastic Book Fair opens March 19th, 20th, and 21st from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. The PTO needs volunteers to assist. Please call Mary Beth Sheehan at 789-3534 if you are able to help. The proceeds benefit our school library, and has been a great success in the past. We need your support once again.

The Bank of Boston program ends April 30th so please support our school. Fill out a simple form at the bank to gain points for equipment. We have 2,000 points to date and time is running out.

The Sixth Grade Blast-Off Dance committee will be meeting soon. The PTO needs a Chair and Co-Chair. If interested please call Jan Lapins at 786-6806. The committee also needs door prize donations, CDs, gift certificates, games, etc. If anyone has contacts for such, please contact the school. We appreciate any support.

Please continue to save your Campbell Soup labels. We have recently ordered six books and two videos with the labels that you have sent in to school.

The next PTO Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 4, 1996 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. We hope that you will be able to attend.

Leslie Bennett Named To "Who's Who" At St. A's College

Leslie Bennett, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Bennett of Agawam, has been selected to be listed in the 1996 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Bennett, a senior majoring in environmental science at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire, was selected for her academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities, and potential for continued success.

She joins an elite group of students selected from more than 1,800 institutions of higher learning throughout the country, and several foreign nations.

Saint Anselm College, founded in 1889, is a Catholic coeducational, liberal arts college of 1,850 students guided in the Benedictine tradition of observing and promoting Christian and Catholic standards of value and conduct. The College encourages students of every race, national origin, and creed to apply for admission and seeks to enroll a student body that reflects a variety of religious, racial, and cultural backgrounds. Bachelor's degrees are offered in 25 major fields of study.

Local Students Named To Dean's List At Our Lady Of Elms

Dr. Patrick Delaney, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Elms College, has announced the students named to the Dean's List for the first semester of the 1995-96 academic year.

The Dean's List is composed of students who have earned a quality point average of 3.50 or better.

From Feeding Hills: Stacey Ballock, 19F Mansion Woods Drive; Shannon Conant, 260 Elm Street; Kelly Conlon, 19 Conifer Drive; Elynn Hitas, 95 Corey Street; Grace Krajewski, 56 Brien Street; Dianna McCormick, 86 Channell Drive; Lidia Murray, 224 Silver Lake Drive.

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Shannon Hogan Is In Thailand For WPI Student Proj.

When Chulalongkorn University decided to revamp safety measures for their Chemistry Department, they turned to four undergraduate students from Worcester Polytechnic Institute for help. Among those students is Shannon Hogan of Agawam.

Chulalongkorn is in the process of erecting a new science building, four floors of which will house the University's Chemistry Department.

The student project team, which arrived at the Bangkok Project Center in early January, is drawing up a series of comprehensive safety recommendations while the building is still in its initial stages.

After living in Bangkok for more than a month, students frequently comment on how they are especially struck by the hospitality and genuine goodwill of the Thai people. The students will be leaving Bangkok to return to Massachusetts and the WPI campus on March 4th.

The Bangkok Project Center is part of WPI's Global Perspective Program, which provides opportunities for students to learn how to become leaders in creating and managing technology in the global marketplace, through research in any one of a network of project centers and programs in Europe, Asia, the Caribbean, and Latin America.

More than 200 WPI students participated in project work outside the continental U.S. during the 1994-1995 academic year.

Junior High School Schedules Spring Parent's Night

As the result of five inclement weather days occurring during the second marking term, an adjustment was made to the report card and warning notice schedule at the Agawam Junior High School.

Consequently, Spring Parent's Night has been rescheduled to Monday evening, March 18, 1996, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

School principal Kevin C. Littlefield states that all parents of seventh and eighth grade students are welcome to attend the annual conference night, which features brief meetings with teachers and staff members. Classroom secretaries will schedule five-minute appointments with individual teachers that evening.

Mr. Littlefield points out that Spring Parent's Night is an excellent opportunity for parents to visit the school where they may review their child's academic progress.

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Friday, March 8th: Oven baked chicken nuggets w/honey or mayonnaise, bread & butter, steamed rice, seasoned carrot coins, cranberry sauce, chocolate midnight cake w/icing, milk.



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Scheduling cleaning by the dental hygienist is another matter. Cleanings by the hygienist usually are scheduled for the same session as the examination by the dentist. The purpose is to remove plaque and calculus (tartar), which accumulate at rates that vary greatly from one person to another. So some people, for example, who get checkups every six months might need cleanings as often as three or four times a year.

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Sports

Brownies Get Second Seed In Tourney...

It's Conte's Brownies Vs. Murray's Lancers In Quarters

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

For the 10th straight year, the Agawam High girls' basketball team is going to the Western Mass Division I Tournament. They are also driving for their fourth Western Mass crown. All that success has come under the tutelage of Coach Lou Conte, who is finishing up his 10th season at the Brownie helm.

This year, Agawam is coming off a 15-3 campaign and is seeded second in the tournament draw. West Springfield (19-1, their only loss courtesy of Agawam) is number one.

Conte says he has no problem with the number two spot. "We really have no control over it," he commented.

The coach doesn't put all that much emphasis on being the top seed. "Last year, the fifth seed won the championship. Tournament play is a one-shot deal. Anyone can beat anyone else on a given night in a playoff format."

The Brownies have a first round bye. They'll see action this Saturday night, when they take on Longmeadow (12-8) at Kibbe Gymnasium. An interesting aspect of this game is the fact that Agawam handed the Lancers two of those losses during the regular season, including a victory that clinched the league title last week.

Does this mean, then, that it will be a cakewalk for the Brownies this time around? "We aren't going to take this one lightly. It's hard to beat a team three times in a row," Conte noted. "We'll take each game as it comes."

Conte doesn't think they'll have to change their game plan Saturday night. "Good teams go with what got them there," he says. What got them into the playoffs were an up-tempo running game based on good transition, and a withering full-court press that few teams could handle.

Running games, many times, sacrifice some defense. Conte knows this. "We work on defense all the time. It's no secret that defense wins championships. If we win this tournament, it will be because of a total defensive effort by all our players."

Agawam, in its second game of the season, lost to West Side, 52-50. That setback had the Brownies losing two straight. Then they went on a 12-game winning streak. During that streak, they beat the Terriers at their place, 74-72, in a great overtime contest. The rivalry between the two schools is as intense as any around.

Will the Brownies be looking ahead to another possible matchup? "No, our thoughts are totally on Longmeadow," the coach said. "Oh, maybe just before they fall asleep at night, some of the kids might think about it. But they are totally focused on Saturday."

The Brownies Are Healthy And Still Competing...

The team is healthy and still competing. On Monday afternoon, they scrimmaged Easthampton (18-2 and the third seed in Division II) at the Kibbe gym. On Wednesday (presstime), they traveled out west to scrimmage Monument Mountain (18-2 and the top seed in Division II).

Their opponent on Saturday night is coached by Mary Murray, who is in her ninth year there. Ms. Murray teaches physical education and coaches girls' soccer at Agawam High School. She's one of the most popular people among the students and staff at AHS.

The irony of this game is not lost on her. "I'm just starting to get over my ties as the soccer coach at Cathedral. Now I'm going up in tournament play against many girls I coached at Agawam (Kristen Patterson, Courtne Hyland, and Barbara Maloni). Those kids gave me everything they had. I love them all." Then she laughed. "It's tough. I wish them all the best and a lot of success, but not against my team here at Longmeadow. They've given all they have, too."

Murray isn't overjoyed by her team's seventh seeding. "I thought we would be at least two notches higher," she says. But she also feels her team did well this year, considering that they lost four seniors. And two girls left the team for personal reasons. "I was looking for a .500 season," she said. "But the kids stepped it up and were very competitive."

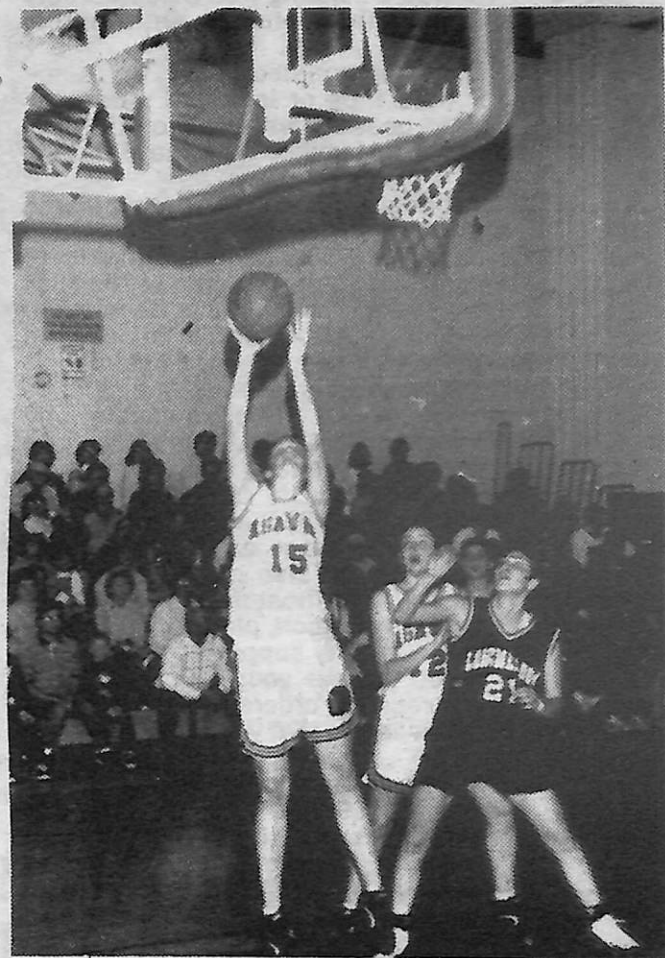
Remembering Earlier "Setbacks" Against AHS...

She hasn't forgotten the two regular season setbacks to the Brownies. "Playing the same team three times, including the regular season and the playoffs, has happened to me two years in a row now. We handled that situation last year and got to the quarterfinals. My feeling is this. Seeded where they are, they have everything to lose. We have everything to gain. Remember, our games against them were hard-fought. Both of them could have gone in our favor with a few breaks."

They'll have to deal once again with Agawam's running game. But that isn't Coach Murray's main concern. "They have an outstanding press. Kristen (Patterson) and Barbara (Maloni) are the point people when they go to it. Both of them are quick and aggressive."

So, the Lancers will have to try and match up somewhere on the court if they are to slow down the run and break the press. "I think our two guards, sophomore Bridget Dullea and senior

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FRESHMAN CENTER PIA BERTONE-GROSS goes up for an easy layup in first half action vs. Longmeadow's Lancers last Thursday night at Agawam High. The Brownies clinched the Valley Wheel title with the victory. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Sam Ryall, can play Patterson and Maloni even up. I know that even now (Monday) they are sky-high for this one."

She also mentioned that Patterson and Dullea know each other's games intimately. "They both play on the same AAU team in the off-season."

Another key to the game will be in the paint, according to Murray. "Pia (Bertone-Gross) doesn't start. But Lou (Conte) makes sure she is the first one off the bench. My sophomore center, Jessica Farmer, can match up with Pia (a freshman). Jessica just has to become a little less nervous when she plays against her."

Murray knows her team can't run with the Brownies. So she'll use the same matchup zone she employed in their first two meetings. "I don't want to reveal everything we're going to try against them," she laughed.



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the Agawam High girls' varsity basketball team who were honored at the last regular season game on Thursday, February 22nd were, from left - Courtne Hyland, Jennie Van-Gys, Steph Biza, and Jamie Thomas. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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League Champion Amherst Ends Agawam's Hopes For Division I Hoop Tourney

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor



SENIOR CLASS MEMBERS of the Agawam High boys' varsity basketball team for 1995-96 - from left - Dave Murphy, Chris Day, Joe Albano, and Chris Rousseau. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Ben Moore Ski Event Big Success For AHS Boys' Team

Many thanks go out to the parents of the Agawam High School boys' ski team in helping make the Ben Moore Ski Challenge a huge success.

These parents ran everything from registration to gate-keeping and statistics of the race. At this time, we would like to also thank the **Agawam Police Association** and Landry, Lyons & Whyte Realty for their generous sponsorship of the event.

Race bibs and trophies were purchased with this money and all other proceeds will go to a scholarship (to an Agawam High School senior) in Ben's memory.

Ben Moore had been a police officer in Agawam for over 15 years. Ben was also involved in alpine skiing and ski instruction. Ben was a member of the Professional Ski Instructors of America and taught skiing at Mt. Tom in Holyoke.

Ben passed away last winter from lung cancer. The memorial race was held in Ben Moore's memory and will become an annual event each winter.

SEE SKIING - Page 34...

What started as a season of possible promise for the Agawam High boys' basketball team ended in disappointing fashion last Thursday night, compliments of an 81-63 defeat at the hands of Amherst.

The Brownies had their backs to the wall against the home-standing Hurricanes. A win was the only way they could get into the Western Mass. Division Tournament, a place they haven't been in three years.

Amherst, the Valley Wheel leader (16-4, 10-0) and the fourth seed in the tournament, just had more than Agawam could handle.

Agawam finished the season with an overall record of 9-11. They were 4-6 in the Valley Wheel.

Both teams matched up well size-wise. Both teams started out in a man-man defense. Both teams played that defense well. Early on, each team had trouble finding the basket. Brownie junior forward Phil McGeoghan (17 points, including two 3's, 1-2, 6 rebounds) got their first hoop at the 12:50 mark to make it 4-2, Amherst.

But the Hurricanes, who'd come out in a press, showed some quick hands and a nice transition game off that press, were taking advantage of the cold Agawam shooters. At the 9:36 mark, they led, 15-5. The Brownies were 2-9 from the field at that point.

Forced Passes By The Locals

Amherst was also coming out early on defense to pick up the Agawam ball-handlers. That tactic made the Brownies attempt passes that were forced and a little too long. The Hurricane's Nino Vanin (21 points, including a three, 4-5, 5 rebounds) and Sean Coleman (16 points, including 4-6, and 6 rebounds) were instrumental in that tough point 'D.'

At the 6:38 mark, Agawam trailed, 27-11. McGeoghan had scored 10 of those points.

The Agawam guys who usually are good at penetrating to the hoop, Joe Albano (13 points, including two threes, 1-2, 2 rebounds) and Brian Menard (4 points, including 2-2, 4 rebounds), were having trouble doing that. Todd Jorgensen saw that and set up shop downtown. He scored 16 in the game. He hit four treys in the process.

Amherst, on the other hand, could penetrate. And they did, using their speed to find and get to the open lanes. With 4:36 left in the half, they were up 35-19.

One thing the Brownies were learning in this one was that there is little defense for speed. They hadn't even had much of a chance to utilize their full court press, which can be effective when they get it up and running.

At the 3:41 mark with the Hurricanes up, 39-21,

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Agawam tried a trap press. Amherst got behind it more than once for easy lay-ups. The half ended, 48-34, Hurricanes.

Agawam shot 12-26 (46 percent), including five threes from the field and 5-8 (62 percent) from the line. They had 12 turnovers and nine rebounds.

The Hurricanes hit 18-34 (52 percent), including two three's from the field. They were dead on from the stripe, putting up 13 and hitting 10 (76 percent). They had only six turnovers and 10 boards.

Both teams were still man-to-man in the second half. Amherst committed three straight turnovers to start the half. The Brownies converted on two of them. But Amherst was still able to penetrate. They were up 51-38 with 1:05 gone.

Agawam was having ongoing problems with its half-court game because Amherst was anticipating well on defense. It was 55-40, Hurricanes at 12:33.

Brownies Couldn't Close The Gap

Agawam was still pressing and attempting to run. Amherst gets back well on 'D.' And they were showing it this night. On offense, they were continually working towards the hoop for the high percentage shot. The Brownies, despite the good effort, couldn't close the gap. They were down 60-43 at the 10:21 mark.

The problem with Agawam wasn't that they were standing around on offense. Chris Bitzas (4 points/3 rebounds) and Albano, along with McGeoghan, were always coming off picks and heading to the hole. The Hurricane defenders were simply staying with them. A good point guard like Jorgensen knows enough not to pass to guys who are covered so tightly. With 5:51 left, Amherst was taking it right down Broadway on its way to a 69-49 lead. On defense, they continued to deny anything in the front court area of the paint.

It all worked for the Hurricanes in the 18-point win.

Agawam was only outscored 33-29 in the second half. They hit 13-39 (33 percent), including two three's and 1-2 from the line. Nine turnovers weren't bad. Fifteen rebounds helped them. But the hole they dug in the first half was just too deep.

The Hurricanes' 33 points came on 10-20 from the field and 13-19 from the line. On the evening, the stripe would be kind to them to the tune of 23-32 (71 percent). They had nine turnovers and only eight rebounds in the second half.

The Brownies, who didn't roll over at the end of this game, or at the end of this year like lesser teams might do, deserved better in their efforts to grab a playoff berth this season.

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Sportsmen's Corner

—By Bill Chiba—

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Wildlife Management Is At Risk In Massachusetts

The future of hunting, fishing, trapping, and all wildlife management is at risk today in the state of Massachusetts. Animal rights activists, funded and influenced by powerful and wealthy groups like the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), are poised to place the dangerous "Massachusetts Wildlife Protection Act" on the November 5th ballot, which could potentially signal the beginning of the end of hunting and outdoor sports in the Bay State.

Anti-hunting troops have already gathered enough petition signatures to qualify the issue designed to ban all forms of trapping and prohibit the use of hounds in bear and bobcat hunting. It would also eliminate the current requirement that potential members of the Fisheries and Wildlife Board must have held a "Sporting License" (hunting, fishing, or trapping) for five consecutive years.

Advocates collected 64,928 signatures by early December. If the legislature fails to enact by May 10, 1996, an additional 10,821 signatures by July 1, 1996 will send the initiative to the voters.

The Wildlife Legislative Fund of America is working closely with Massachusetts sportsmen in the Citizens Conservation Coalition, helping to develop a grass roots campaign, training campaign speakers, and conducting strategy sessions. Our WLFA campaign professionals have pledged to support your coalition throughout the campaign, from our national headquarters as well as on site in Massachusetts.

As a Massachusetts sportsman, we hope you will do your part to help derail the animal rights movement with a decisive victory for hunting and wildlife conservation by voting **NO on the Massachusetts Wildlife Protection Act**.

Massachusetts sportsmen must unite if they expect a victory in November. We know from experience that winning campaigns require commitment, motivation, planning, education and massive amounts of fundraising. And, most importantly, a winning campaign requires voters.

Contact the Citizens Conversation Coalition and ask how you can help defeat this dangerous legislation. Its address is P.O. Box 458, Nor-

thborough, MA 01532. The phone number is (508) 393-4245, and the fax number is (508) 5222. The coalition chairman is Mike Yacino.

This year, the WLFA expects an unprecedented number of hunting-related ballot initiatives. National anti-hunting organizations with far-reaching influence and enormously deep pockets like HSUS and Fund for Animals are expected to be involved with each campaign. There are potential initiatives in California, Colorado, Idaho, Massachusetts, Michigan, Oregon, and Washington.

American sportsmen, as a whole, have never faced anything of this magnitude.

In 1996, expect the WLFA to be there for the sportsmen and sportswomen of Massachusetts and other states, just as it has since 1978. Your support and efforts to crush this effort are critical.

The future of hunting and wildlife management is up to you. It's time to stop the anti-hunters before they gain a foothold in the Northeast and elsewhere.

In Bayside, Wisconsin, a resident watches eight deer browse through her lawn every night. "They've eaten everything they can reach," she said, "and destroyed all the low-growing vegetation where songbirds used to nest. Our birds are gone."

Then there is Lyme disease, and two new diseases, Ehrlichiosis and Babesiosis (all three of which are carried by deer ticks). About 10,000 new cases of Lyme disease are reported in the United States annually, occurring in at least 44 states.

In Westchester County, New York alone, over 2,000 cases were reported in 1995. The county was against deer hunting for many years; I know, I used to hunt it on property where I obtained permission.

It was very hard to get permission. It is not the case today. The property owners are inviting archery clubs to hunt the deer. Hunting has increased, but members of the clubs are afraid of touching the downed deer because of the infestation of the ticks.

The only effective way to reduce deer populations is to cull them, preferably by hunting. This past year, many state conservation departments dramatically increased their antlerless deer permits.

Numerous methods of control have been attempted, from trapping to contraceptives, but except for shooting the deer nothing has proven effective.

You can protect yourself by wearing insect repellent. Disease-carrying ticks are repelled by products containing deet.

If you have any of the symptoms of Lyme disease—bull's eye rash, lack of energy, or aching muscles—see your doctor, as it and the two new ailments are fully treatable when detected early.

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BOYS

11-14 Division: 1st: Mike Defilipi, Agawam (96.06); 2nd: Rob Santaniello, Agawam (97.78); 3rd: Oliver Williams, Frontier (97.98).

15-18 Division: 1st: Nicolas Costa, Chicopee (88.18); 2nd: Ryan Progulske, Agawam (88.37); 3rd: Ben Weld, Agawam (89.26).

The skiers represented Agawam, Chicopee, East Longmeadow, Frontier, Holyoke Catholic, and St. Mary's High School. Once again, thank you to all who made this event a huge success from the Ben Moore Memorial Committee.

SKIING - from Page 33...

The race was held at Blandford Ski Area, February 18th. The event consisted of three giant slalom runs with a combined three-time championship. The following are the top three finishers by division:

GIRLS

11-14 Division: 1st: Lindsay Troxell, Frontier (102.86); 2nd: Emily Jorgenson, Frontier (108.54); 3rd: Stephanie Gale, Frontier (111.81).

15-18 Division: 1st: Jody Bulat, Agawam (92.75); 2nd: Amy Olanyk, Frontier (97.48); 3rd: Kelly Gory,

AHS Boys' Hockey End Season With Loss Vs. Amherst

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High boys' hockey team closed out its season last Friday night against Amherst, at the Orr Rink at Amherst College. It was a 6-1 Brownie loss. But they were in it until the start of the third period.

After it was over, Agawam Coach Fran Pycho would say of his club, which finished up at 2-14-1, "We need a scorer."

He's right. A defense can only hold out for so long before they lose it. They need some offensive help to make things a little easier for them.

This one started out the way it did many times this season. Agawam gave up an early goal. At the 13:37 mark, Amherst's Russel Atteridge scored from 20 feet in front to make it 1-0.

Amherst, which is far from the best team in the Berry Division (they were at the bottom with AHS), were able to keep the puck in the Agawam zone in the early going. They were also head-manning the puck well, which kept the Agawam defenders off balance.

The Hurricanes' C.J. Karch split the defense and put one over the stick shoulder of Brownie keeper Derek Benton with 6:55 gone to make it 2-0, Amherst.

Benton, who deserved better, came up big in a 30-second stretch when Amherst went on a big offensive (6:40 left). He stopped a semi-breakaway from the right side off the stick of Brian Zlogar with a pad save. Then, 10 seconds later, he robbed Atteridge coming in alone from the left wing. That shot was point blank from 10 feet.

Locals Work Hard To Penetrate Hurricane Zone

Agawam was working hard behind Rich Feeley and Trevor Brown to penetrate the Hurricane zone. They had some chances, but were unable to pull the trigger. That meant they had to take the bulk of their shots from the point.

Benton was still making saves. He robbed Zlogar on a centering pass in front at 4:00. But rebounds beat goalies. Amherst scored off that at 3:56 on a 10-foot glove side effort.

The first period ended 3-0, Amherst.

Agawam had four shots on goal. Amherst had 11.

Agawam started out short-handed in the second because of a penalty that carried over. They killed it. Then, at the 13:35 mark, sophomore Geoff Ciak, one of the better young defensemen in Western Mass., launched a classic defenseman's shot from the right point. It rose over the stick shoulder of Amherst goalie James Melby into the top center of the net. Suddenly, it was 3-1, Amherst.

The second period saw Agawam outshoot Amherst, 6-4.

The third saw why Agawam has problems winning hockey games. Amherst scored at the 14:31 mark to make it 4-1. The pressure was on the Brownies to answer. They had trouble. Amherst, with a big scorer like Steve Rouisse (2 goals/23 for the year) could dictate the offense. He hit at 9:25.

It was 5-1. Amherst would hit another on a nice breakaway by Rouisse.

Amherst would have seven shots on goal in the third for a game total of 20. Agawam had four. Their game total was 14.

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Daggett's Tim LaVallee Moves Closer To Gold

In his search for a spot on the 1996 men's Olympic team, Jeff LaVallee of Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics, has come a bit closer.

At the 1996 Winter Cup Optional World Championship Trials in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Jeff was sixth on the Optionals and 11th in the combined Compulsory and Optional scoring, securing him a spot as the youngest member of the Senior National Team, and still leaving the door open to earn a spot for Atlanta '96.

Jeff is confident in his chances at the U.S. Championships and the Olympic Trials in June.

Jeff and teammate Mike Moran (1995 Senior National Team member), have been training intensely, following their dream of placing on the Olympic Team. Best of luck to both of them.

Sunny, warm Las Vegas, Nevada, was occasion for Daggett men's gymnasts to compete at the 1996 Black Jack Invitational Tournament.

In a field of 18 teams from throughout the United States, the Daggett men won the Class II Fourth Place All-Around trophy, with a team total points of 134.25.

In individual scoring, the men came home proud of their performances. In Class I (Jr. Elite), Andy Leis was 14th All-Around and 12th on Pommel Horse. In Class II (age 14-15), Darren Morace was 12th All-Around, third on Vault, and 10th on Pommel Horse.

John Szymczyk was 10th All-Around, third on Rings, and fourth on Floor. David LeClair contributed to the team award. At Class III (age 12-13) competition, Jamey Houle was seventh in the All-Around, third on Pommel Horse, and fourth on Parallel Bars. Patrick McFarlin was eighth All-Around, fifth on Floor, and sixth on Rings.

Coming up next for the Daggett men is the State Competition at Sterling Gymnastics in March and Regionals at UMass in April, all with the hope to qualify for Junior Nationals in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

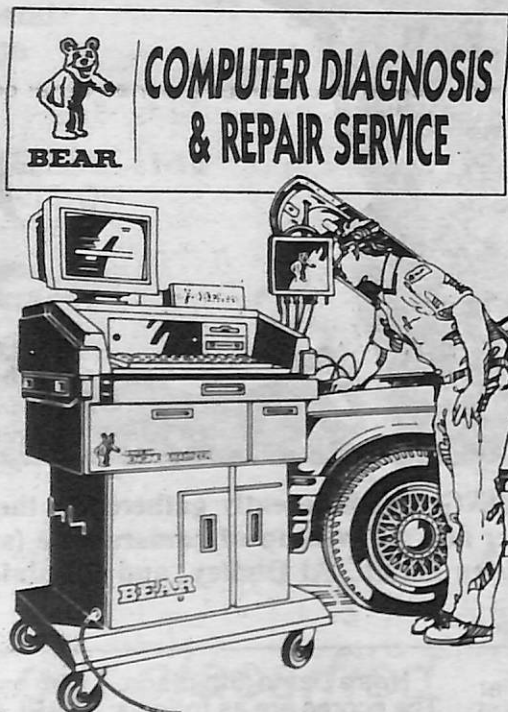
Soccer Association Seeks Under 9 Coach



AGAWAM SOCCER ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS Steve Fox (left) and Mike Dobise (center) were still looking for an Under 9 boys' soccer coach for the Pioneer Valley spring season. At right is Brad Theriaque, who was signing up for Pioneer Valley soccer at sign-ups last month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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LEILA SEKKAL

Local Girl Wins At Gymnastics Meet

Tim Daggett Gold Medal Gymnastics (TDGMG) attended a Sectional Qualifying meet at "Gymnastics and More" in Woburn, MA. Participants came from various areas of Massachusetts.

Leila Sekkal of Feeding Hills, daughter of Ellen and Dr. Kacem Sekkal, attended the meet. At level 8, ages 13-14, Leila won first place on Vault and Balance Beam and All-Around with a score of 33.60.

Leila has been with TDGMG in Agawam for approximately two years and has made great progress in her skills for competition. She attends Agawam Junior High School, where she maintains an A, B average. Leila attributes her achievements to discipline and hard work.

She will now go on to compete in the State Competition on March 23rd and 24th. Good luck, Leila.

St. Louis Becomes Early Leader In Tri-Parish Bowling

St. Louis (4 wins) opened the third and final round of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League in first place after match play on Monday, February 26th at the Agawam Bowl.

St. Lou faced fifth place Boston College (3 wins). St. Lou was led by Captain GLEN ADAMS, who fired a nifty 340 in defeating none other than "Jungle" JIM MCCORMICK (328). Adams is tops in the Men's AA at 108.40 while "Jungle" is third in Men's AA at 103.15. The two BC winners were leadoff DAVE ALDRICH (281, 87.7 in Men's C) and third roller LARRY FORTIER (280, 95.34 in Men's A). Second rollers STELLA BARBIERI (87.48 in Women's B) and KIM LACROIX (leads Women's B at 93.56) each rolled 298.

In the next match, second place Catholic University (3½ wins) faced fourth place St. Michael (3 wins). And this was indeed an excellent match. St. Mike's winners were leadoff MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (286, 92.14 in Women's A) and Captain JERRY ALLEN (355). Jerry is rolling at a 111.5 clip in the Unclassified category. He defeated CU Captain BILL GRIFFIN (317, 101.23 in Men's AA).

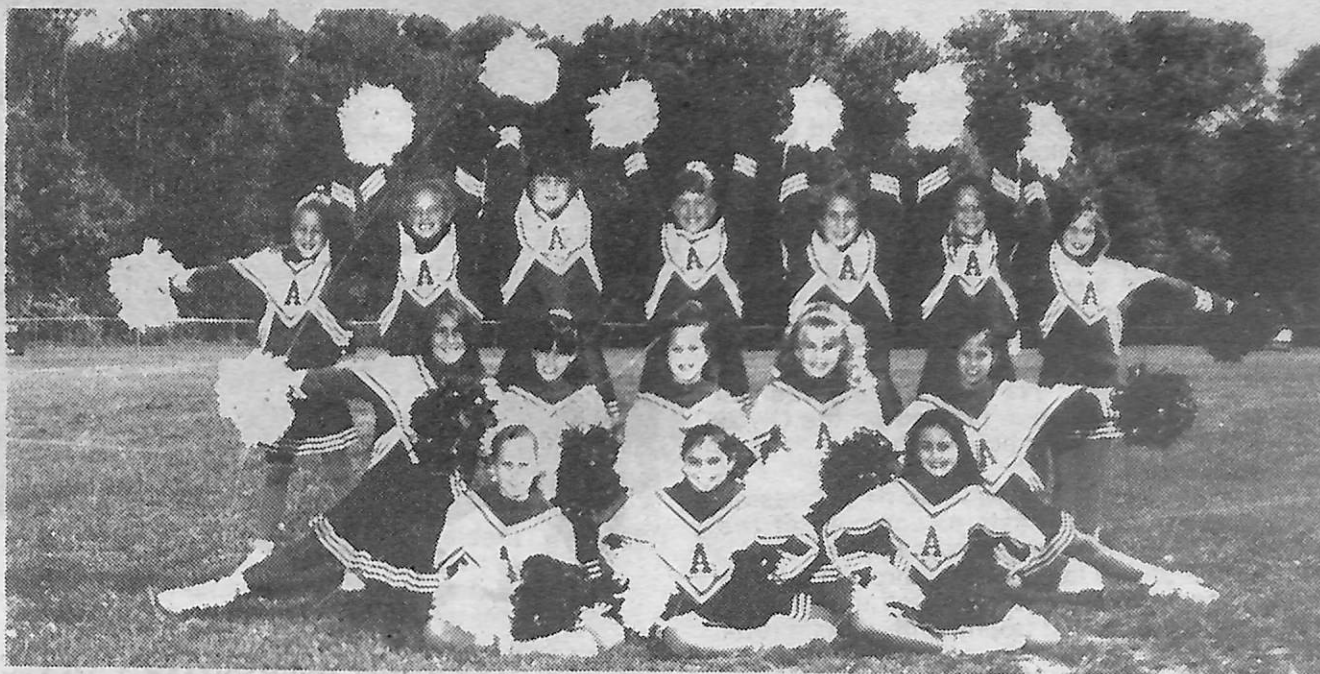
The winners for CU were third roller TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS (331, 103.17 in Men's AA) and second roller MARY THOMAS (344, leads Women's A at 98.30).

In the next match, third place Fordham (3 wins) and last place Holy Cross (½ win) faced-off. Fordham winners were leadoff LINDA TOBEY (255, 77.12 in Women's C) and Captain "Jollie" OLLIE MULDER. His 357 defeated one of his long-time rivals, HC Captain DEBBIE POIRIER (322, 106.11 in Open Class). The "Jollie" one is rolling at a 111.21 clip and is now fighting both his brother, "Luscious" LOU MULDER (111.3), and Jerry Allen for the top dog spot in the league.

HC winners were second roller JOHN MLINEK (255, leads Men's B at 95.46) and third roller SUE GRIFFIN (295, 99.30 in Women's AA).

In the next match, seventh place St. Mary (1 win) met sixth place St. Anselm (1 win). St. Mary's winners were leadoff RITA SCOTT (284, 84.35 in Women's C) and Captain JOHN LONCRINI, a 308-269 conquerer of St. A's substitute anchorman BRYAN QUINN. Loncrini rolls at a 99.40 clip in Men's AA.

Jr. Cheerleaders Applauded For Season



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM JUNIOR CHEERLEADING SQUAD were recently noted for enjoying a fine fall football season. Back row, from left - Amanda Lemieux, Kim Chmura, Lauren Gaffney, Marci Coogan, Meghan Beauchene, Suzanne Svadeba, Kristie Woszczyna. Middle row - Johanna Masotti, Malena Rogers, Megan O'Krongly, Ashley Boyle, Linda Kelly. Front row - Captains Alyson Nowell, Christin Cilimberg, and Kari Trauschke.

Mawaga Sportsmen Ready For Spring!



MEMBERS OF THE MAWAGA SPORTING CLUB recently gathered at their clubhouse located off Adams Street to enjoy a dinner and an evening of camaraderie (and to dream about the upcoming spring). From left - John Ferioli, Al Dudley, and Dominick Tangredi.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

The two winners for St. A's were second roller YVONNE CHARTIER (303, 105.28 in Women's AA) and the famous "Luscious" LOU MULDER (325, 111.3 in Open Class). Rolling well in a losing effort to "Luscious" Lou was St. Mary's roller FRANKIE CERPOVICZ (306).

Notre Dame (8th place, 1 win) had the bye week. The scores are as follows: PEARL PROVOST (249), BILLY ALDRICH (292), DON "Don't Sit On" STITT (295), and FLO ROCHFORD (326), who is still the overall women's leader at 106.47.



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BOYS' 8-10 LEAGUE

AMERICAN DIVISION "NORTH DIVISION"

	W	L
Valenti's Restaurant	6	0
Colonial Funeral	3	3
Pignatere Texaco	1	5
Westfield Savings	0	6

"SOUTH DIVISION"

	W	L
Agawam Police	6	0
Agawam Lions	4	2
Village Lounge	3	3
UNICO	1	5

NATIONAL DIVISION "EAST DIVISION"

	W	L
Polish Club	5	1
Alvin's	4	2
Gino's Package	4	2
JMC Graphics	0	6

"WEST DIVISION"

	W	L
Hy-Tek	5	1
Provin Mt. Farms	3	3
CHH Engraving	2	4
Fran's Restaurant	1	5

GIRLS' 8-10

AMERICAN DIVISION

	W	L
Westfield Savings	4	2
Fran's Restaurant	2	4
TJ Maxx	2	4
Agawam Advertiser News	1	5

NATIONAL DIVISION

	W	L
UNICO	5	1
Colonial Funeral	5	1
Village Lounge	4	2
Lions Club	1	5

GIRLS' 11-13

AMERICAN DIVISION

	W	L
Provin Mt. Farms	6	0
Village Lounge	4	2
Fran's Restaurant	2	4
Movie Mart	1	5

NATIONAL DIVISION

	W	L
Corner Deli	6	0
JMC Graphics	3	3
Polish Club	1	5
Lions Club	1	5

BOYS' 10-12

AMERICAN DIVISION

	W	L
Corner Deli	7	1
Fran's Restaurant	6	2
Briggs & Starr Ins.	4	4
Valenti's Restaurant	3	5
EB Specialty Chicken	1	7

NATIONAL DIVISION

	W	L
JMC Graphics	8	0
Movie Mart	7	1

Auth Fuels

	W	L
Provin Mt. Farms	2	6
Agawam Opticians	2	6
	0	8

BOYS' 13-15

	W	L
Westfield Savings	8	0
Agawam Auto Sales	6	2
Provin Mt. Farms	5	3
JMC Graphics	3	5
Fran's Restaurant	2	6
Polish Club	1	7



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL gathered for a final sign-up earlier this month at the Captain Charles Leonard House. From left - Jim Donovan (president), Brett Barker, Bruce Bussiere, and Rich Hamre. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Little League Late-Comers Must Sign-Up At Parks Dept. By March 8th

The new Little League baseball season is quickly approaching and preparations are already underway for another successful season.

To properly plan for the season, we must have a final count of the players who will be participating this year. We have held three sign-ups as well as making applications available at the Park & Recreation office behind the Agawam High School.

We must cut off all registration no later than March 8, 1996, therefore we urge all parents who wish to have their son or daughter participate this season, to sign-up by March 8, 1996.

Applications are available at the Park & Recreation office. The fee is \$25 per player plus \$10 per player for the raffle tickets.

Please be sure to register on or before March 8, 1996 so that your child will not be disappointed.

Agawam AA Basketball Standings

Agawam Piranhas Swim Team Schedules Winter Banquet For Thursday, March 7th

The Agawam Piranhas swim team winter banquet has been scheduled for Thursday evening, March 7th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills.

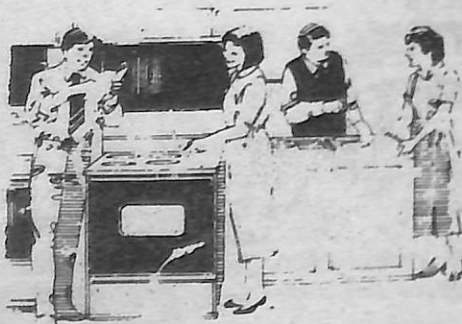
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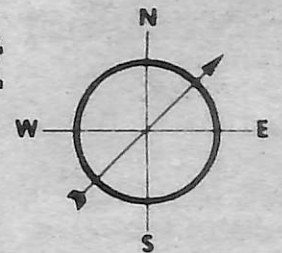
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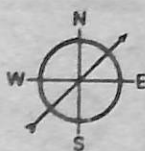
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